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Jeremy Williams, one of the chefs at Gather55, a new pay-what-you-can restaurant at Hands on Hartford, estimates they have served more than 300 meals per day since opening. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS

'A restaurant that belongs to everybody'

Hands on Hartford opens breakfast and lunch restaurant with a unique twist: Pay what you can

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Tyler Anderson is at the top of Connecticut's culinary world, but in the past he has experienced food insecurity.

"My family didn't always have everything. And when I started working in restaurants, I was working poor. They didn't pay me much. My friends and I who worked with me used food pantries to get by," he said.

Anderson, owner of Millwright's in Simsbury, is giving back, by teaming up with Hands on Hartford to open the state's first "pay what you can" restaurant. The eatery, called Gather55, is at Hands on Hartford's 55 Bartholomew Ave. offices.

The breakfast and lunch spot, which will expand to Wednesday-to-Saturday dinners on Oct. 5, had a soft opening in May. It officially launched, with an appearance by Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, on Thursday.

Bronin called Gather55 "a restaurant that belongs to everybody, that's accessible to everybody, that makes healthy, fresh, delicious food available to everybody."

Hands on Hartford has served meals to the area's disadvantaged communities for 40 years. Milton Shannon is a frequent client. "It's something to do, somewhere to go. Senior centers just aren't as lively," he said.

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Gather55 serves restaurant-quality food to all people, regardless of means.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian missiles hit 'quiet' civilian city

Ukraine condemns attack on Vinnytsia; at least 23 killed

By Maria Grazia Murru
and Hanna Arhirova
Associated Press

VINNYTSIA, Ukraine — Russian missiles struck a city in central Ukraine on Thursday, killing at least 23 people and wounding more than 100 others, Ukrainian authorities said. Ukraine's president alleged the attack deliberately targeted civilians in locations without military value.

Officials said Kalibr cruise missiles fired from a Russian submarine in the Black Sea struck civilian buildings in Vinnytsia, a city 167 miles southwest of the capital, Kyiv.

Vinnytsia region Gov. Serhiy Borzov said Ukrainian air defenses downed two of the four Russian missiles that were launched.

National Police Chief Ihor Klymenko said six bodies have been identified, while 39 people are still missing. Three children were among the dead. Of the 65 people hospitalized, five are in critical condition while 34 sustained severe injuries, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said.

"There was a building of a medical organ-

nization. When the first rocket hit it, glass fell from my windows," said Vinnytsia resident Svitlana Kubas, 74. "And when the second wave came, it was so deafening that my head is still buzzing."

Besides hitting buildings, the missiles ignited a fire that spread to 50 cars in a parking lot, officials said.

"These are quite high-precision missiles ... They knew where they were hitting," Borzov said.

Russia denied targeting civilians.

"Russia only strikes at military targets

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Art museum names new director

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art has named Matthew Hargraves, who has been the historic museum's interim chief curator for the past year, as its director. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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With the opening of Gather55, Hands on Hartford is inviting everyone in the region to dine. Cindi Bates, chair of the board of Hands on Hartford, called Gather55 "something bigger, something more profound, gathering everyone regardless of their means to enjoy good food and a common experience."

All diners pay what they can afford. The bar inside the restaurant also offers food for sale at a fixed price.

Diners are given two choices per meal, changing daily. On Thursday, breakfast diners chose between a waffle with strawberry sauce and turkey sausage, and a bacon and cheddar scramble with biscuits and fruit. Lunch diners chose between pesto tortellini with sun-dried tomatoes and chicken, and spaghetti

with meatballs.

Anderson does the menus and recipes. The chefs who whip up the meals are Jeremy Williams, Karl Robinson and James Edwards.

For 14 years, Williams owned the Berlin breakfast-lunch spot Even Stephens. The pandemic hurt his business and he sold it.

"This is a unique opportunity. Until now I've only worked for for-profit restaurants," Williams said. "Now we're serving restaurant-quality food to people who are really in need."

Williams estimated that since the soft opening, he and the mostly volunteer crew have served 300 to 350 meals a day.

In anticipation of the opening, Hands on Hartford spiffed up the dining rooms, installing paneling in one and artworks on the walls, including a series of photos of street murals from around

the country. Other artworks will be installed soon.

CT Foodshare also is a partner in the operation of Gather55.

In his remarks, Anderson joked that "I've always wanted to turn all of my restaurants into pay-what-you-can restaurants. Unfortunately I have business partners and they didn't like the idea at all."

"So it's nice to have business partners like this. Who let us do it and want to do it?"

Gather55, 55 Bartholomew Ave., is open for breakfast and lunch Monday to Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., with takeout available from 8:30 to 9:30. Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with takeout available from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. facebook.com/gather55. Gather55.com will be launched soon.

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Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin speaks at the official opening of Gather55, a pay-what-you-can restaurant in Hartford on Thursday. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

Ukraine

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in Ukraine. The strike on Vinnytsia targeted an officers' residence, where preparations by Ukrainian armed forces were underway," Evgeny Varganov, a member of Russia's permanent U.N. mission, said in an address to the chamber.

Margarita Simonyan, head of the state-controlled Russian television network RT, said on her messaging app channel that military officials told her a building in Vinnytsia was targeted because it housed Ukrainian "Nazis."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russia of intentionally aiming missiles at civilians in the country. The strike happened as government officials from about 40 countries met in The Hague, Netherlands, to discuss coordinating investigations and prosecutions of potential war crimes committed in Ukraine.



A firefighter walks near a building damaged by a Russian missile attack Thursday in Vinnytsia, Ukraine.

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"No other country in the world represents such a terrorist threat as Russia," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address. "No other country in the world allows itself every day to use cruise missiles and rocket artillery to destroy cities and ordinary human life."

He called for creating a mechanism for confiscat-

ing Russian assets around the world and using them to compensate the victims of "Russian terror."

The U.S. Embassy in Kyiv issued a security alert late Thursday urging all U.S. citizens remaining in Ukraine to leave immediately. The alert asserted that large gatherings and organized events "may serve as Russian

military targets anywhere in Ukraine, including its western regions."

Vinnytsia is one of Ukraine's largest cities, with a prewar population of 370,000. Thousands of people from eastern Ukraine, where Russia has concentrated its offensive, have fled there since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24.

Kateryna Popova said she saw many injured people lying on the street after the missiles struck. Popova had fled from Kharkiv in March in search of safety in "quiet" Vinnytsia. But the missile attack changed that.

"We did not expect this. Now we feel like we don't have a home again," she said.

Borзов said 36 houses were damaged and residents have been evacuated, while a hotline has been set up for information on those injured or missing. July 14 will be declared a day of mourning, he said.

Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said the attack mirrors previous ones on residential areas that

Moscow has launched "to try to pressure Kyiv to make some concessions."

"Russia has used the same tactics when it hit the Odesa region, Kremenchuk, Chasiv Yar and other areas," Zhdanov said. "The Kremlin wants to show that it will keep using unconventional methods of war and kill civilians in defiance of Kyiv and the entire international community."

Before the missiles hit Vinnytsia, the president's office reported the deaths of five civilians and the wounding of another eight in Russian attacks over the past day. One person was wounded when a missile damaged several buildings in the southern city of Mykolaiv early Thursday. A missile attack on Wednesday killed at least five people in the city.

Russian forces also continued artillery and missile attacks in eastern Ukraine, primarily in Donetsk province after overtaking the nearby Luhansk region. The city of

Lysychansk, the last major stronghold of Ukrainian resistance in Luhansk, fell to Russian forces this month.

Luhansk and Donetsk make up the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking industrial region that powered Ukraine's economy.

Donetsk Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said civilians "should stop risking their lives and leave the region."

In other developments, Russian-installed officials in southeastern Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia region announced that they planned to hold an early September referendum on incorporating the region into Russia. Large parts of Zaporizhzhia are under Russian control now, as is most of neighboring Kherson. Kremlin-backed administrations in both areas have declared their intentions to become part of Russia. Separatist leaders in the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk "republics" have also announced similar plans.

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Developer RMS has nearly completed the \$50 million first phase of North Crossing, which is just south of Dunkin' Donuts Park. The construction includes 270 apartments, a 330-space parking garage and 11,000 square feet of retail space. KENNETH R. GOSSÉLIN/HARTFORD COURANT

Developers

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In May, the city suffered a major setback when the state Supreme Court ordered a new trial in a wrongful termination lawsuit pressed by Centerplan and DoNo Hartford. In 2019, a Superior Court jury had sided with the city.

The mixed-use development is high stakes because tax revenue generated was supposed to help the city offset the cost of \$71 million ballpark. The area is seen as integral to reconnecting downtown to the city's neighborhoods to the north, torn apart by the construction of I-84 in the early 1970s.

Centerplan and DoNo Hartford also are seeking unspecified monetary damages from the city and its architect, Pendulum Studios.

What's happened so far

Centerplan and DoNo Hartford were hired by previous Mayor Pedro E. Segarra, but they were fired by current Mayor Luke Bronin for allegedly not finishing the 6,100-seat ballpark on time under what was an admittedly aggressive timeline.

The opening of Dunkin' Donuts Park was delayed a year, until 2017, while a new contractor came on board to finish the job while the Hartford Yard Goats, a

Double A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies, played their first season on the road.

Centerplan and DoNo Hartford originally filed a lawsuit in July 2016, arguing they were wrongfully terminated from the construction of the park and as the developer of the surrounding parcels, and sought \$90 million in damages.

In addition to a Superior Court jury siding with the city, trial Judge Thomas Moukawsher, following the jury verdict, lifted restrictions on the ballpark's surrounding parcels, allowing the city to hire RMS to pursue the mixed-use development project.

On appeal, Centerplan and DoNo, through their attorney Louis Pepe of McElroy, Deutch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, argued that the trial court in 2019 did not allow them to present evidence that they could not be held liable for "countless flaws" in the ballpark designs because the architect, Pendulum, was under the city's control.

That, according to the developers, resulted in cost overruns, delays in the ballpark's construction and, ultimately, the termination of the developers.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-0 decision, held that who had legal control over the architect and the stadium design from January to June 2016 — from when a term sheet was executed to when the city fired Centerplan and DoNo — was



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ambiguous and, therefore, should be decided by the jury.

What's new in the amended complaint

Centerplan and DoNo are still seeking monetary damages from the city, but they want to add RMS Cos.

as a defendant. (Pendulum was also added as a named defendant, but earlier filings before the first trial had counts against it. Centerplan and DoNo are seeking monetary damages from the architect as well.)

Centerplan and DoNo are seeking a declaratory judgment to determine what rights Centerplan and DoNo, RMS and the city

have concerning the four parcels.

In addition, Centerplan and DoNo are seeking "specific performance" of the master development contract and ground leases they entered into with the city for the mixed-use development project surrounding the ballpark.

Specific performance is a remedy that binds parties in an agreement to the terms of that agreement.

Howard Rifkin, the city's corporation counsel, said Thursday that he expects the city to prevail in a second trial and called Centerplan's attempt to stop the mixed-use development "irresponsible."

"The complaint filed yesterday by Centerplan was the expected next

step after the Supreme Court sent the case back to the trial court, and the city remains confident that, at the end of the day, the result will be the same as it was the first time — a jury verdict in favor of the city," he said in a statement.

"As for Centerplan's irresponsible effort to stop the development of the parcels adjacent to the stadium,

which was already decided in both Superior Court and Appellate Court, we will be filing a motion to dismiss as quickly as possible."

RMS Thursday said it was reviewing the filing.

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Stefanowski has deposited \$10 million of his own fortune into his campaign account, and his campaign already has spent at least \$4.25 million, according to filings this week. He also

has raised \$1.1 million from other donors, including \$508,759 in the financial quarter ending June 30.

Lamont, who spent \$15 million in 2018 and already has personally spent \$6.3 million on his reelection, is hardly in need of financial support from the DGA. But outside groups have a freer hand in making attacks that do not necessarily splash back on the candidates they are trying to help.

By law, groups like Stronger CT and CT Truth PAC operate independently of the campaigns and are solely responsible for the content of their ads.

Stronger CT's funds come from the DGA, whose donors include major corporations and individuals.

Nearly all CT Truth PAC's money has come from three businessmen. David Kelsey of Old Lyme and Thomas E. McInerney of Westport each gave \$750,000; Raymond Debbane of Greenwich, an investor and chairman of Weight Watchers, gave \$100,000.

Lamont spoke to reporters Wednesday after appearing

with Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and community leaders at the site of a residential-and-retail project on the northern edge of downtown, a winner of a competitive grant from the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

The governor has campaigned largely via daily official events publicizing his administration's priorities and programs, an advantage of incumbency. The practice is not without risk, as it exposes Lamont to daily questioning by the press.

Stefanowski has yet to regularly share his campaign schedule, though he has held at least four press conferences since accepting the GOP endorsement in May and sat for an in-depth interview with CT Mirror.

The Stronger CT commercial largely was a reprise of the greatest hits Democrats directed at Stefanowski in 2018, when he also was the GOP gubernatorial nominee.

Stefanowski's role running a payday loan company, DFC Global, until 2017 was an issue in 2018, as was his proposal to try to eliminate the state income tax without raising other taxes. Half of the new commercial is a repeat of arguments Democrats made in 2018: That Stefanowski's tax plan would devastate state services.

"Bob Stefanowski's

2 hurt in Norwich Main St. shooting

By Taylor Hartz

Hartford Courant

The Norwich Superior Courthouse was closed Thursday afternoon as local police investigated a shooting in the area that left two people wounded, according to police.

A Norwich man was charged with attempted murder in connection to the shooting Thursday — on his 18th birthday, according to the Norwich Police Department.

Norwich police were called to the area of Main Street and Franklin Street about 11:30 a.m. Thursday for a report of "shots fired," and found two people suffering from gunshot wounds, the Norwich Police Department said in a statement released Thursday evening.

Police learned that the man suspected of firing the shots had run from the scene and was armed. A man matching his description was found and arrested nearby, police said.

Officers arrested Jamel N Pires, 18, of N Cliff Street Norwich, who they believe fired the shots near the courthouse, and charged him with attempted murder, two counts of first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, unlawful discharge of a firearm, criminal use of a firearm, and possession of pistol without a permit, police said.

Investigators said that they believe Pires was involved in a fight in the area that "ultimately escalated into an assault with a firearm and the two victims," according to the statement.

Pires was being held late Thursday in lieu of \$750,000 bail and is due Friday in Norwich Superior Court.

The two people who were injured were taken to William Backus Hospital for treatment.

Investigators are looking to question the driver of a rental car that fled the scene shortly after the shooting. The vehicle was a Black Nissan Rogue with a smashed out driver side window and the license plate BC98410, police said.

Anyone who has more information on the incident is asked to call Detective Richard Cannata at 860-886-5561 Ext. 3138, or call the Norwich Police Department Tip Line at 860-886-5561 ex. 4.

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Stefanowski has deposited \$10 million of his own fortune into his campaign account, and his campaign already has spent at least \$4.25 million, according to filings this week. He also

has raised \$1.1 million from other donors, including \$508,759 in the financial quarter ending June 30.

Lamont, who spent \$15 million in 2018 and already has personally spent \$6.3 million on his reelection, is hardly in need of financial support from the DGA. But outside groups have a freer hand in making attacks that do not necessarily splash back on the candidates they are trying to help.

By law, groups like Stronger CT and CT Truth PAC operate independently of the campaigns and are solely responsible for the content of their ads.

Stronger CT's

funds come from the DGA, whose donors include major corporations and individuals.

Nearly all CT Truth PAC's money has come from three businessmen. David Kelsey of Old Lyme and Thomas E. McInerney of Westport each gave \$750,000; Raymond Debbane of Greenwich, an investor and chairman of Weight Watchers, gave \$100,000.

Lamont spoke to reporters Wednesday after appearing

with Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and community leaders at the site of a residential-and-retail project on the northern edge of downtown, a winner of a competitive grant from the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

The governor has campaigned largely via daily official events publicizing his administration's priorities and programs, an advantage of incumbency. The practice is not without risk, as it exposes Lamont to daily questioning by the press.

Stefanowski has yet to regularly share his campaign schedule, though he has held at least four press conferences since accepting the GOP endorsement in May and sat for an in-depth interview with CT Mirror.

The Stronger CT commercial largely was a reprise of the greatest hits Democrats directed at Stefanowski in 2018, when he also was the GOP gubernatorial nominee.

Stefanowski's role running a payday loan company, DFC Global, until 2017 was an issue in 2018, as was his proposal to try to eliminate the state income tax without raising other taxes. Half of the new commercial is a repeat of arguments Democrats made in 2018: That Stefanowski's tax plan would devastate state services.

"Bob Stefanowski's

extreme record of hurting working families is wrong for Connecticut," said Sam Newton, the deputy communications director for the DGA.

Newton also leveled a line of attack not in the current ad: Who are the clients who have enabled Stefanowski to more than triple his personal campaign spending over his effort in 2018, when he used \$3 million of his own funds?

"What else does he have to hide?" Newton said.

Stefanowski has promised to release his tax returns but not necessarily the identity of his clients, some of whom are foreign. Stefanowski said that most, if not all, of his consulting work was covered by non-disclosure agreements.

The Democratic Governors Association played a minimal role in the open race for governor of Connecticut in 2018, but the DGA typically plays a more active role in protecting incumbents.

"I think they support the team," Lamont said. "And I'm part of the team."

The governor indicated to reporters after a late morning public event that he was generally aware that something was coming, though not the specifics.

The PAC had acted Tuesday to reserve television time, according to public filings with the FCC. It reported its initial expenditure Wednesday afternoon to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

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Meeting shows dividing line on Iran

Biden, Lapid differ on best path to halt nuclear program

By Aamer Madhani,
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Associated Press

JERUSALEM — President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid stood side-by-side Thursday and declared they would not allow Iran to become a nuclear power.

They parted ways, though, on how to get there.

Biden, in a joint news conference after a one-on-one meeting with the Israeli leader, said he still wants to give diplomacy a chance. Moments earlier, Lapid insisted that words alone won't thwart Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

While Biden suggested his patience with Iran was running low, he held out hope that Iran can be persuaded to rejoin a dormant deal intended to prevent it from building a nuclear weapon.

"I continue to believe that diplomacy is the best way to achieve this outcome," Biden said on the second day of a four-day visit to Israel and Saudi Arabia during his first trip to the Middle East as president.

Biden's emphasis on a diplomatic solution contrasted with Lapid, who said Iran must face a real threat of force before it will agree to give up on its nuclear ambitions.

"Words will not stop them, Mr. President. Diplomacy will not stop them," Lapid said. "The only thing that will stop Iran is knowing that if they continue to develop their nuclear program the free world will use force."

Lapid suggested that he and Biden were in agreement, despite his tougher rhetoric toward Iran.

"I don't think there's a



President Joe Biden is presented with Israel's Presidential Medal of Honor, displayed at right, on Thursday in Jerusalem during the second day of his trip to the Middle East. He is scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia on Friday. DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

light between us," he said. "We cannot allow Iran to become nuclear."

Biden, too, said, "We will not, let me say it again, we will not allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon."

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi lashed out at the U.S. and "its regional allies" for stoking instability in the region, state-run IRNA news agency reported.

"Any mistake by the Americans and their allies in the region and the world will be met with a harsh and regrettable response," Raisi said.

Biden warned that his patience is wearing thin for Iran to rejoin the nuclear deal, a day after saying he'd be willing to use force against Tehran as a last resort.

The president said the U.S. had laid out for the Iranian leadership a path

to return to the nuclear deal and was still waiting for a response.

"When that will come, I'm not certain," Biden said. "But we're not going to wait forever."

Resurrecting the Iran nuclear deal brokered by President Barack Obama's administration and abandoned by President Donald Trump in 2018 was a key priority for Biden as he entered office. But administration officials have become increasingly pessimistic about the chances of getting Tehran back into compliance.

Israeli officials have sought to use Biden's visit to underscore that Iran's nuclear program has progressed too far and encourage the Biden administration to scuttle efforts to revive the deal.

Israel opposed the orig-

inal nuclear deal because its limitations on Iran's nuclear enrichment would expire and the agreement didn't address Iran's ballistic missile program or military activities in the region.

Instead of the U.S. reentering the deal, Israel would prefer strict sanctions in hopes of leading to a more sweeping accord.

In the joint statement issued by Biden and Lapid, the United States said it is ready to use "all elements of its national power" to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear bomb.

Iran announced last week that it has enriched uranium to 60% purity, a technical step away from weapons-grade quality.

The joint declaration could hold important symbolic importance for Biden's upcoming meeting with Arab leaders in

Saudi Arabia as he seeks to strengthen a regionwide alliance against Iran.

The U.S. president, who is set to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Friday, said he also stressed to Lapid the importance of Israel becoming "totally integrated" in the region.

Israel during the Trump administration signed on to the Abraham Accords, declarations of diplomatic and economic normalization signed by Israel, Bahrain, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates that were signature foreign policy achievement for the Republican president. For Israel to come to such an agreement with the Saudis, an economic and Islamic epicenter in the Mideast, would be even more significant.

The president will visit Saudi Arabia after calling the

kingdom a "pariah" nation as a presidential candidate and releasing a U.S. intelligence finding last year that showed the kingdom's de facto leader, Mohammed bin Salman, likely approved the 2018 killing of Jamal Khashoggi, a U.S.-based writer.

Biden declined to commit to mentioning Khashoggi's murder when he meets with the crown prince.

"Always bring up human rights," Biden said at the news conference. "But my position on Khashoggi has been so clear. If anyone doesn't understand it, in Saudi Arabia or anywhere else, then they haven't been around for a while." He did not reiterate his position.

Thursday's appearances with Lapid could provide a boost to Israeli prime minister, who is serving in an interim capacity until elections in November, the fifth in less than four years. His main opponent is former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Lapid's joint appearance with Biden could help burnish his credentials as a statesman and leader. Biden met briefly behind closed doors with Netanyahu, with whom he's had a rocky relationship.

Biden didn't mention Israel's upcoming election during the public portion of Thursday's meeting with Lapid, but told reporters "we had a good beginning of a long, God willing, relationship."

Biden and Lapid also participated in a virtual summit with India and the United Arab Emirates, a collection of countries called the I2U2. The United Arab Emirates announced it will help finance a \$2 billion project supporting agriculture in India.

The president was also honored with Israel's top civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Honor, from President Isaac Herzog.

IVANA TRUMP 1949-2022

First wife of former president was part of '80s power couple

By Jill Colvin and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ivana Trump, a skier-turned-businesswoman who formed half of a publicity power couple in the 1980s as the first wife of former President Donald Trump and mother of his oldest children, has died in New York City, her family announced Thursday. She was 73.

"I am very saddened to inform all of those that loved her, of which there are many, that Ivana Trump has passed away at her home in New York City," Trump posted on his social media app, Truth Social. "She was a wonderful, beautiful, and amazing woman, who led a great and inspirational life.

Her pride and joy were her three children, Donald Jr., Ivanka, and Eric. She was so proud of them, as we were all so proud of her. Rest In Peace, Ivana!"

Two people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press that police are

investigating whether Ivana Trump fell down the stairs and believe her death was accidental.

She was found unconscious near a staircase in the home, the people said. The people could not discuss the matter publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. The medical examiner's office will determine an official cause of death.

"It's been a very sad day, a very sad day," Eric Trump said as he left his mother's home near Central Park.

In a statement, he and his siblings called her "an incredible woman — a force in business, a world-class athlete, a radiant beauty and caring mother and friend," and a survivor.

"She fled from communism and embraced this country," the statement also said. "She taught her children about grit and toughness, compassion and determination."

A Czech-born ski racer and sometime model, Ivana Trump married the future president in 1977.

The Trumps also became partners in business, with Ivana playing roles such as manager of one of his Atlantic City casinos. She also had a hand in making Trump Tower an image of '80s success.

The two were fixtures of New York's see-and-be-seen scene before their public — and messy — 1992 divorce. Donald Trump had met his next wife, Marla Maples.

During the split, Ivana Trump accused him of rape in a sworn statement in the early 1990s. She later said she didn't mean it literally, but rather she felt violated. Donald Trump would say at times he regretted having Ivana join him in business and blamed it for the unraveling of his marriage.

Nevertheless, Ivana remained friendly with her ex-husband, whom she called "The Donald." She enthusiastically backed his 2016 White House run, and told the New York Post that she was giving him suggestions on his campaign.

But she occasionally ruf-

fled feathers. In 2017, while promoting a book, she told "Good Morning America" that she spoke with the then-president about every two weeks and had his direct White House number, but didn't want to call too frequently "because Melania is there and I don't want to cause any kind of jealousy or something like that because I'm basically first Trump wife, OK?" she said with a

laugh. "I'm first lady, OK?"

Melania Trump's spokesperson at the time said there was "clearly no substance to this statement from an ex, this is unfortunately only attention-seeking and self-serving noise."

Ivana Trump's death came as two of her children, Donald Jr. and Ivanka, and the former president are due to appear in coming days for questioning in the New

York attorney general's civil investigation into the family's business practices.

Ivana Trump was born Ivana Zelnickova on Feb. 20, 1949, in the Czechoslovak city of Gottwaldov, which had been renamed by Communists who took over the country in 1948.

She was married four

times, most recently to Italian actor Rossano Rubicondi. They divorced in 2009.

Judge rules Bannon's criminal contempt trial can begin next week

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge said Thursday that the criminal contempt trial of Steve Bannon can start as scheduled next week and that the extensive media coverage of the one-time adviser to former President Donald Trump should not be a barrier to selecting an unbiased jury to hear the case.

U.S. District Judge Carl

Nichols had earlier in the week rejected a bid by Bannon's lawyers to delay his trial, which is scheduled to start Monday with jury selection. He made a similar ruling Thursday, turning aside concerns from Bannon's lawyers about a CNN report set to air on the eve of trial and what they said were prejudicial comments made during a hearing this week hosted by the House committee investigating the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

"I am cognizant of cur-

rent concerns about publicity and bias and whether we can seat a jury that is going to be appropriate and fair, but as I said before, I believe the appropriate course is to go through the voir dire process,"

Nichols said, referring to the questioning of individual jurors before they are selected. "And I have every intention of getting a jury that is going to be appropriate, fair and unbiased."

Bannon is charged in Washington's federal court with defying a subpoena from the Jan. 6 committee that sought his records and testimony. Bannon was indicted in November on two counts of criminal contempt of Congress, one month after the Justice Department received a congressional referral. Each count carries a minimum of 30 days of jail and as long as a year behind bars.

He previously argued that his testimony is protected by Trump's claim of executive privilege, but a lawyer for Bannon told the committee in a letter over the weekend that Bannon was prepared to testify after Trump issued a letter saying he would waive any claim of executive privilege.

Though a professed willingness to testify won't erase the criminal charges Bannon faces, Nichols left open the possibility that the letters could be referenced at trial,

saying the information was "at least potentially relevant" to Bannon's defense.

The judge mused earlier Thursday that Bannon could argue that he believed the committee's dates for compliance with the subpoena were malleable and flexible — an argument prosecutors say is belied by the facts and the law.

"The crime of default (with regard to a subpoena) is complete at the time," prosecutor Amanda Vaughn said.

WORLD & NATION

GOP voters may be set to break from Trump

Poll finds nearly half are looking at other candidates in 2024

By Michael C. Bender
The New York Times

As Donald Trump weighs whether to open an unusually early White House campaign, a New York Times/Siena College poll shows that his post-presidential quest to consolidate his support within the Republican Party has instead left him weakened, with nearly half the party's primary voters seeking someone different for president in 2024 and a significant number vowing to abandon him if he wins the nomination.

By focusing on political payback inside his party instead of tending to wounds opened by his alarming attempts to cling to power after his 2020 defeat, Trump appears to have only deepened fault lines among Republicans during his year-long revenge tour.

A clear majority of primary voters younger than 35, 64%, as well as 65% of those with at least a college degree — a leading indicator of political preferences inside the donor class — told pollsters they would vote against Trump in a presidential primary.

Trump's conduct on Jan. 6, 2021, appears to have contributed to the decline in his standing, including among a small but important segment of Republicans who could form the base of his opposition in a potential primary contest. Although 75% of primary voters said Trump was "just exercising his right to contest the election," nearly 1 in 5 said he "went so far that he threatened American democracy."

Overall, Trump maintains his primacy in the party: In a hypothetical matchup against five potential Republican presidential rivals, 49% of primary voters said they



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis might challenge former President Donald Trump in 2024. SCOTT MCINTYRE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

would support him for a third nomination.

The greatest threat to Trump within the party is Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who was the second choice, with 25%, and the only other contender with double-digit support. Among primary voters, DeSantis was the top choice of younger Republicans, those with a college degree and those who said they voted for President Joe Biden in 2020.

Although about one-fourth of Republicans said they didn't know enough to have an opinion about DeSantis, he was well liked by those who did. Among those who voted for Trump in 2020, 44% said they had a very favorable opinion of DeSantis compared with the 46% who said the same about Trump.

Should DeSantis and Trump face off in a primary, the poll suggested that support from Fox News could prove crucial: Trump held a 62% to 26% advantage over DeSantis among

Fox News viewers, while the gap was 16 points closer among Republicans who mainly receive their news from another source.

The survey suggests that Trump would not necessarily enter a primary with an insurmountable advantage over rivals such as DeSantis. His share of the Republican primary electorate is less than Hillary Clinton's among Democrats was at the outset of the 2016 race, when she was viewed as the inevitable front-runner but ultimately found herself embroiled in a protracted primary against Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

Trump's troubles inside his party leave him hamstrung in a matchup against an unusually vulnerable incumbent.

The Times/Siena poll suggested that the fears of many Republican elites about a Trump candidacy may be well founded: He trailed Biden, 44% to 41%, in a hypothetical rematch of the 2020 contest. That's

despite plummeting support for Biden, with voters nationwide giving him a perilously low 33% job-approval rating.

A growing anyone-but-Trump vote inside the party contributed to Trump's deficit, with 16% of Republicans saying that if he were the nominee, they would support Biden, would back a third-party candidate, wouldn't vote at all or remained unsure what they would do. That compared with 8% of Democrats who said they would similarly abandon Biden in a matchup with Trump.

For Trump, bleeding that amount of Republican support would represent a sharp increase compared with the already troubling level of the party's vote he shed during his last race.

In 2020, 9% of Republicans voted for someone other than Trump, while Biden lost just 4% of Democrats, according to AP Vote-Cast, a large study of the 2020 electorate by NORC at

the University of Chicago for The Associated Press.

Kenneth Abreu, a 62-year-old pharmaceutical executive from Pennsylvania, said he had voted Republican for three decades but would support Biden instead of voting again for Trump.

"Unlike all these other people who believe every word he says, I'm done," Abreu said. "All the garbage he's been talking about, the lies, Jan. 6, the whole thing — I just lost all respect for him."

Still, many Republicans who favor someone else in a primary would nonetheless rally behind Trump if he won the nomination.

Richard Bechtol, a 31-year-old Republican voter in Columbus, Ohio, said he would back either DeSantis or Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, over Trump. Bechtol was disturbed by Trump's behavior that led to the U.S. Capitol riot.

But Bechtol said he would support Trump in 2024 in a rematch with Biden.

"Biden is getting bullied by the left wing of his party and I worry about his cognitive function as well — actually, I worry about that with Trump, too," he said. "It's really a lesser-of-two-evils situation for me."

John Heaphy, a 70-year-old retired software engineer in Arizona, said he voted for Trump in 2020 but planned to back Biden in 2024 because of the Capitol riot.

Heaphy said Trump had incited an insurrection and that he was shaken by the support Trump's false claims have received from other Republicans. Indeed, according to the poll, 86% of Republicans who said they would support Trump in the 2024 primary said he was the legitimate winner of the 2020 election.

"Trump lost the election," Heaphy said. "There are too many people out there that just don't seem like they believe in reality anymore."

Although Trump has described election integrity as the country's most pressing concern, just 3% of Republicans named it as the nation's top problem. But Trump's response to his 2020 defeat was a significant factor in how Republicans are thinking about 2024.

Among Republicans who said they plan to vote against Trump in a primary, 32% said his actions threatened American democracy.

Paula Hudnall, a 51-year-old nurse in Charleston, West Virginia, said Trump was right to question the results of the election. She said she didn't blame him for the violence at the Capitol.

"Anytime you have a large gathering, you're going to have people who get out of hand and are unruly," said Hudnall, who identified the economy and infrastructure as her top issues.

Hudnall said Trump already had her vote again for 2024.

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Lawbreakers or bargaining chips?

Venezuela detains 3 more Americans amid US outreach

By Joshua Goodman

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Three Americans were quietly jailed in Venezuela earlier this year for allegedly trying to enter the country illegally and now face long prison sentences in the politically turbulent nation.

Two of the men — a lawyer from California and a computer programmer from Texas — were arrested in late March days after President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government freed two other Americans.

Venezuelan security forces arrested lawyer Evin Hernandez, 44, and computer programmer Jerrel Kenemore, 52, in separate incidents in the western state of Tachira, according to a person familiar with investigations into the arrests. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Hernandez is from Los Angeles, while Kenemore is from the Dallas area, but had lived in Colombia since 2019.

A third American was arrested in January, also for allegedly entering the country illegally along its lengthy border with Colombia. The AP is withholding his name at the request of his family, which fears retaliation.

At least eight more Americans — including five oil executives and three veterans — remain imprisoned in Venezuela, and U.S. officials insist they are being used as political bargaining chips.

The latest arrests come amid efforts by the Biden administration to unwind the Trump-era policy of punishing Maduro for what they consider his trampling on Venezuela's democracy.

Biden officials are trying to lure Maduro back into negotiations with the U.S.-backed opposition to pave the way for free and fair



Evin Hernandez, a lawyer from Los Angeles, is accused of trying to enter Venezuela illegally. **HERNANDEZ FAMILY 2019**

elections.

As part of that still-early outreach, the U.S. has dangled the possibility of easing sanctions on the OPEC nation — a move that, over time, could also help lower oil prices, which spiked following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February.

The release of two Americans on March 8 was celebrated in Washington, giving a boost to the Biden administration's outreach to Maduro. It's not clear what impact, if any, the jailing of three more Americans will have on relations with Maduro, a close ally of Russia whom the U.S. has sanctioned and indicted on narcotics charges.

The State Department confirmed the three arrests and a spokesperson said officials are advocating for the immediate release of all wrongfully detained Americans in Venezuela.

Beyond any political fallout, the arrests point to what U.S. officials consider

an alarming trend: the arrest of unsuspecting Americans along the Colombia-Venezuela border, a lawless area dominated by criminal gangs and leftist rebels. Americans trying to enter Venezuela without a visa are especially vulnerable.

Despite Maduro's often fiery rhetoric against the U.S. "empire," there's no indication he is targeting Americans for arrest.

But with the South American country torn apart after years of political unrest, hyperinflation and devastating food shortages, Maduro's grip on his poorly paid security forces is constrained.

That's created an opening for criminal elements and hard-liners looking to spoil Maduro's talks with the U.S.

"There's a lot of different centers of power in Venezuela and not all of them are aligned with Maduro or share his goal of seeing talks with the U.S. advance," said Phil Gunson, a Caracas-based analyst for the International Crisis Group.



Jerrel Kenemore was living in Colombia when he was arrested by Venezuelan security forces in March. **KENEMORE FAMILY**

In one arrest report seen by the AP, Venezuelan military counterintelligence agents justified their actions by citing the U.S. for "constant threats, economic blockade, and breaking of diplomatic relations."

Some top Venezuelan officials also justify the arrest of Americans. In a June 13 news conference announcing the arrest of another, unnamed American, United Socialist Party leader Diosdado Cabello said: "They have their plans against our country."

Hernandez, who was arrested March 31, was supposed to appear in court on Monday but the hearing was postponed.

Hernandez migrated to Los Angeles as a toddler with his parents, who were fleeing civil war in El Salvador. After graduating from UCLA law school, he turned down lucrative jobs to instead work as a public defender representing indigent and sometimes homeless defendants, a sign of his

charitable spirit, friends and relatives said.

Like Maduro, Hernandez loves salsa music and has a history of labor activism. An avid traveler, Hernandez was taking a short break from work when he traveled to Colombia, where he's been several times before, his brother said.

Right before he was due home, he accompanied a Venezuelan friend to the border. His family said it was never his intention to go to Venezuela, nor would he knowingly break the law.

Hernandez's friend is also being held and faces the additional charge of migrant smuggling, according to the person familiar with investigation.

Like Hernandez, Kenemore was charged with criminal association and conspiracy — crimes punishable by up to 16 years in jail. His girlfriend is also being held.

Prosecutors allege that Kenemore, his girlfriend and three others entered the country on a nearby dirt trail, one of hundreds of irregular crossings used daily by Venezuelans shuttling between the countries for groceries, medical appointments and to visit family.

Two weeks before Hernandez's arrest, Kenemore was taken into custody in similarly murky circumstances.

According to Kenemore's family, he had been living in Colombia for over a year with a Venezuelan woman he met online when both were getting over divorces. The two shared a small apartment where Kenemore was working remotely for a client in the U.S., but had decided to relocate to Venezuela, where his girlfriend had a home.

Kenemore's family said he was detained by migration officials upon entering Venezuela, according to a GoFundMe page they set up to pay for his defense. They posted on the crowdfunding platform what they said was the last photo of him before his arrest, near a Colombian border checkpoint on the Simon Bolivar international bridge.

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In April, the State Department warned about threats to Americans along the Colombia-Venezuela border. It recommended Americans avoid all travel to Venezuela, and never enter without a visa, which is nearly impossible to obtain since the U.S. broke diplomatic relations with Maduro in 2019.



A memorial for shooting victims stands Thursday outside the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, N.Y. The store is set to reopen Friday, two months after the racist attack. **JOSHUA BESSEX/AP**

Buffalo market set to reopen after 10 killed in racist attack

By Carolyn Thompson

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The Buffalo supermarket where 10 Black people were killed by a white gunman is set to reopen its doors to the public Friday, two months after the racist attack.

A moment of silence and prayer was scheduled to be held Thursday at Tops Friendly Market to honor the victims, employees and community impacted by the May 14 mass shooting, with a ceremonial reopening of the overhauled store before customers return Friday, the company said.

Ten people were killed when a then-18-year-old gunman wearing body armor and carrying a semi-automatic rifle opened fire on shoppers and employees. Three others were wounded in the massacre.

Investigators say the shooter was motivated by white supremacist beliefs, including a baseless conspiracy theory about a plot to diminish the influence of white people, and researched the demographics of the predominantly Black neighborhood where the market is located with

the intent of killing as many Black people as possible.

On Thursday, a federal grand jury indicted the shooter, Payton Gendron, on counts including federal hate crime charges punishable by the death penalty. Federal charges were first announced last month, and Gendron has pleaded not guilty to state and federal charges.

The decision to reopen the store rather than relocate it has been met with mixed emotions in the East Buffalo neighborhood that, beset by high poverty, fought for years to get a grocery store. Since opening in 2003, the Tops location remains the only supermarket in the immediate area. Its closure after the shooting forced many residents to take buses to other locations or rely on stopgap measures like neighborhood giveaways to access fresh food.

"We must go on," said Tops employee Rosalie Bishop, who has worked at the store for 12 years. She wants the store open again — and never for a moment considered not returning to work with colleagues who she considers family.

"The store is there for

a reason. The store is still there for a reason," said Bishop, 58, who was on her way to work when the shooting happened and said she's still processing her near miss. "The people will come back. They might not come today or tomorrow, but they will come back."

Other neighbors say reopening isn't the best path forward.

Suggestions to local media and on social networks include turning the site into a park or recreational center that would bring the community together, or having several supermarkets that are more dispersed throughout Buffalo's East Side.

Mayor Byron Brown said he was apprehensive while first touring the remodeled store but believes the overhaul will be helpful to customers. "I realize that not everyone will feel comfortable returning to the store," he said in a statement, adding that he is encouraging other retailers to serve the area.

"None of us will ever forget the cruel, racist attack," Brown said. The reopening is a step toward healing, he said.

Italian president won't accept resignation of prime minister

By Jason Horowitz

The New York Times

ROME — Italy's golden period of stability suddenly seemed on the familiar precipice of chaos Thursday after Prime Minister Mario Draghi tendered his resignation in response to a revolt by anti-establishment populists within his broad national unity government.

But in a sign of how traumatic Draghi's departure would be for Italy, the country's president refused to accept his resignation, essentially freezing the political situation until next week, when Draghi will address Parliament.

The unexpected crisis and the theatrics and behind-the-scenes machinations also created a potential calamity for Europe as it seeks a united front against Russia's aggression in Ukraine and faces a wave of COVID-19 infections and an energy crisis.

On Thursday night, Italy's politicians and analysts struggled to figure out what had happened — and what would happen next. Despite Draghi's stated intention to resign, it remained possible that he could remain in power if key political players reject the temptation to bolt and fall back in line.

Among them is the man who triggered the revolt, former Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte of the Five Star Movement.

But the day's events also made clear that the gravity of scheduled elections in early 2023 would continue to pull all the parties apart and that Draghi, who had made government unity a condition of his staying on, may yet insist on quitting.

In tendering his resignation, Draghi had said that "the majority of national unity, which supported this government since its inception, no longer exists."

Italy's president, Sergio Mattarella, "did not accept



Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi's resignation was rejected Thursday. Instead, he is expected to address Parliament some time next week. **MAURO SCROBOGNA/LAPRESSE**

the resignation," according to a statement from Mattarella's office, and instead invited Draghi to speak to Parliament in the coming days to address "the situation that has arisen."

Most agreed that the next five days, before Draghi's speech in Parliament to explain his reasoning, would be crucial.

"There are five more days to work so that Parliament can confirm its confidence to the Draghi government and Italy can exit the dramatic tailspin it is entering right now," Enrico Letta, the leader of the Democratic Party, said in a Twitter post.

If Mattarella or the political parties that would like the government to continue cannot convince Draghi to stay, it would mean instability not just for Italy but for all of Europe, and at a precarious time. The European Union, of which Draghi is a fervent advocate, is struggling to keep unity in the face of the aggression in Ukraine by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

After Draghi took office in early 2021, when Italy's president asked him to resolve a political crisis created by the collapse of Conte's government, he led the country out of the worst days of the pandemic

and packed the government with highly accomplished experts who shook Italy out of its political and economic malaise.

Draghi, a titan of Europe often called Super Mario for his role in saving the euro as president of the European Central Bank, immediately boosted Italy's international standing and investor confidence.

The promise of his steady hand at the wheel helped Italy receive about \$240 billion in relief funds from Europe — a sum that gave Italy its best chance at modernization in decades.

Draghi brought moderate growth to Italy, made reforms to its justice system and tax code, streamlined Italy's bureaucracy and found diverse sources of energy away from Russia, including renewables. Along the way, he made populism unfashionable and competence admirable, and he repositioned Italy as a reliable force for democratic values within Europe.

He also played a significant role in pushing Italy, which has often maintained a close, transactional and ambiguous relationship with Russia, into the European mainstream on questions of support for Ukraine and sanctions against Russia.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Lawmaker: Officer in Uvalde school video is spouse of slain teacher

From news services

UVALDE, Texas — A Uvalde police officer criticized over video of him checking his phone during the massacre at Robb Elementary School is the husband of a teacher who was killed in the classroom and had contacted him after being shot, according to a Texas lawmaker investigating the shooting.

Texas state Rep. Joe Moody came to the defense of Ruben Ruiz after the officer was singled out by some users on social media as an example of the bewildering inaction by law enforcement during the May 24 attack.

Roughly 80 minutes of surveillance video published this week by the Austin American-Statesman showed Ruiz as one of the first officers to arrive in the hallway after the shooting began. He checks his phone moments before officers closer to the classroom run back down the hallway after shots are fired.

Moody tweeted Wednesday that the officer was the husband of Eva Mireles, one of two teachers killed along with 19 children in the fourth-grade classrooms. Moody is part of a Texas House committee that has spent weeks investigating the shooting and plans to release its findings Sunday.

"I'd not planned to speak publicly until the report was released, but I couldn't say nothing seeing this man, who's lost everything, maligned as if he was indifferent or actively malicious. Context matters," Moody tweeted.

The hallway video shows Ruiz quickly glancing at his phone around 11:36 a.m. while holding a position at the end of the hallway. Three minutes earlier, the gunman is seen walking

down the hallway and entering the classroom.

Authorities have previously said that body camera footage later showed Ruiz at 11:48 a.m. entering the building through the west door and telling officers, "She is shot."

"What happened to (Ruiz) is he tried to move forward into the hallway, he was detained and they took his gun away from him and they escorted him from the scene," Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw told lawmakers at a hearing on June 21.

McCraw has called it an "abject failure" that police ultimately waited more than an hour before confronting the gunman.

Sri Lanka crisis:

Protesters retreated from government buildings Thursday in Sri Lanka, restoring a tenuous calm to the economically crippled country, and the embattled president at last emailed the resignation that demonstrators have sought for months.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled a day earlier under pressure from protesters enraged by the island nation's economic collapse. He emailed his resignation a day later than promised, according to an official.

An aide to the speaker of the Sri Lankan Parliament issued a statement that said the speaker had received the president's resignation through the Sri Lankan Embassy in Singapore, but there was no immediate official announcement.

An announcement was planned for Friday after the authenticity and legality of the letter are verified, the statement said.

Spacey pleads: Actor Kevin Spacey pleaded not guilty on Thursday to charges of



Veterans from Texas pay their respects at the casket of Hershel W. "Woody" Williams on Thursday in the U.S. Capitol. Williams, a 5-foot-6 former Marine, was described by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as a "force of nature" during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The last remaining Medal of Honor recipient from World War II, Williams died June 29 at age 98. ERIC LEE/POOL VIA AP

sexually assaulting three men and a trial date was set for next year.

Spacey, 62, replied "not guilty" to each of the five charges during a hearing at London's Central Criminal Court. Judge Mark Wall set a date of June 6 for the trial to start and said it would last three to four weeks.

The former "House of Cards" star, who ran London's Old Vic theater between 2004 and 2015, denied four counts of sexual assault and one count of causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent.

The incidents allegedly took place in London between March 2005 and August 2008, and one in western England in April 2013. The victims are now in their 30s and 40s.

SC attorney killings:

Over 13 months after disgraced South Carolina attorney Alex Murdaugh called 911 after finding his wife and son shot outside their home, a grand jury indicted him Thursday on murder

charges in their killings.

But the legal documents shed little light on the ongoing mystery over the deaths that captivated the public, who have clicked on hundreds of stories and podcasts detailing the dozens of other criminal charges that have piled up in the months since Murdaugh's wife Maggie, 52, and their 22-year-old son, Paul, were killed on June 7, 2021.

Alex Murdaugh, 54, has repeatedly denied any role in the deaths.

Each murder indictment was one paragraph with one new detail, accusing Murdaugh of killing his wife with a rifle and his son with a shotgun.

Malcolm X case:

New York's criminal justice system took 55 years to acknowledge it wrongfully branded Muhammad Aziz as one of Malcolm X's killers. Now he and the city are at an impasse over how much it should pay for the two decades he spent imprisoned after his 1966 murder conviction.

Lawyers for Aziz, 84, filed a civil rights lawsuit Thursday seeking \$40 million from the city for its role in a verdict that was vacated last year after the Manhattan district attorney apologized in court for illegal conduct by the police and prosecutors who handled the case.

The complaint, filed in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, signaled the breakdown of settlement negotiations between the city comptroller and Aziz.

Aziz was convicted in 1966 of first-degree murder in the killing of Malcolm X, who was about to embark on a new phase of his career after a bitter break from the Nation of Islam.

In court papers, Aziz's

lawyers accused the New

York Police Department and

the Manhattan district attorney's office of withholding

evidence that supported his

claim of innocence, using

witness procedures that

were suggestive and coercing

witnesses to give false

testimony. Twenty-four

former officers are named

in the complaint.

European wildfires:

Over 3,000 firefighters battled Thursday alongside Portuguese citizens desperate to save their homes from wildfires that raged across the European country.

Central Portugal has been particularly hard hit by a spate of blazes this week. In the village of Bemposta, residents used garden hoses to spray their lawns and roofs in hopes they could save them from the flames.

Temperatures in the interior of the Atlantic country were forecast to hit 111 as hot, dry air blown in from Africa lingers over the western edge of the Iberian Peninsula. In June, 96% of Portugal was classified as being in either extreme or severe drought.

Spain was still combatting a fire started by a lightning strike on Monday in the west-central Las Hurdas area that has consumed about 8,600 acres.

Temperatures in many parts of Spain have topped

104 for several days and are

expected to stay high until

next week.

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BUSINESS

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Wholesale prices in June up 11.3% from prior year

Energy prices that surged 54% a key driver pushing index near a new record

By Paul Wiseman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inflation at the wholesale level climbed 11.3% in June compared with a year earlier, the latest painful reminder that inflation is running hot through the American economy.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the U.S. producer price index — which measures inflation before it hits consumers — rose at the fastest pace since hitting a record 11.6% in March.

Last month's jump in wholesale inflation was led by energy prices, which soared 54% from a year earlier. But even excluding food and energy prices, which can swing wildly from month to month, producer prices in June jumped 8.2% from June 2021. On a month-to-month basis, wholesale inflation rose 1.1% from May to June, also the biggest jump since March.

Thursday's report on wholesale prices came a day after the Labor Department reported that surging prices for gas, food and rent catapulted consumer inflation to

a new four-decade peak in June, further pressuring households and likely sealing the case for another large interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve. Consumer prices soared 9.1% compared with a year earlier, the biggest yearly increase since 1981.

Producer prices have surged nearly 18% for goods and nearly 8% for services compared with June 2021. And the Labor Department said wholesale transportation and warehousing prices shot up 23% and food prices nearly 13% from a year ago.

The persistence of high inflation has eroded incomes, intensified price pressures on companies large and small and raised the risk of an economic downturn as a result of ever-higher borrowing costs. It has also diminished the public's approval of President Joe Biden and dimmed Democratic prospects in the November congressional elections.

The Fed has embarked on an aggressive series of rate hikes that are intended to tame high inflation without causing a recession — a notoriously difficult challenge.

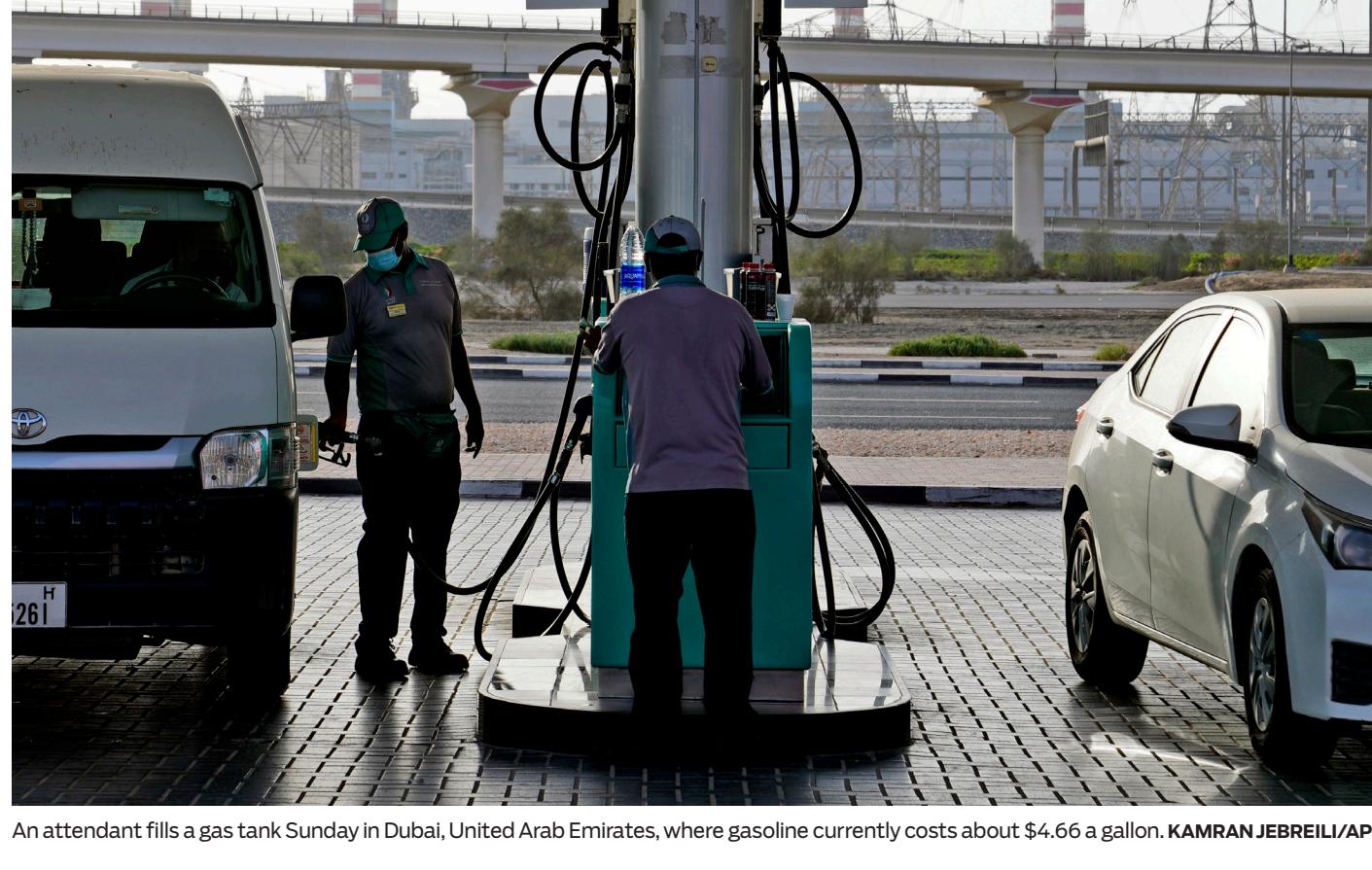
The U.S. inflation surge erupted from

the swift rebound from the 2020 pandemic recession, and it steadily accelerated as spending outstripped the availability of labor and supplies.

Generous government aid and super-low rates engineered by the Fed sent consumers on a spending spree that surprised businesses. Factories, ports and freight yards were overwhelmed, leading to shortages, delays and higher prices. Russia's war against Ukraine magnified energy and food inflation.

Some economists have held out hope that inflation might be reaching a short-term peak. Gas prices have been falling. Shipping costs and commodity prices have moderated. Pay increases have slowed. And surveys show that Americans' expectations for inflation over the long run have eased — a trend that often points to more moderate price increases ahead.

But the strength of the U.S. job market, with robust hiring and unemployment at a near half-century low, means that more people have paychecks to spend, which will keep upward pressure on prices.



An attendant fills a gas tank Sunday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where gasoline currently costs about \$4.66 a gallon. KAMRAN JEBREILI/AP

High pump prices hit UAE

Cost of gasoline in oil-rich petrostate up over 70% after Russia's invasion of Ukraine

By Isabel Debre

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Mere years ago, fuel was cheaper than bottled water in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates. Now, long lines snake outside gas stations on the eve of price hikes each month.

Fuel prices in the major OPEC producer, set in line with global oil price benchmarks, have soared over 70% since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, accentuating differences with neighboring petrostates that heavily subsidize gasoline.

The contrast has stoked complaints among Emiratis who receive generous cradle-to-grave welfare and prompted the government to boost social spending for low-income citizens.

The UAE's relaxing of fuel subsidies in 2015, which had been costing the government billions of dollars, put the country at the forefront of long-delayed fiscal reforms in the region as oil prices slumped. Even now, Gulf Arab rulers getting a windfall from sky-high oil prices know it can't last

forever, as the world's economies move away from fossil fuels.

"The UAE is really standing out," said Monica Malik, chief economist at Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank. "Its policy focus remains firmly on reforms."

At about \$1.23 a liter, or \$4.66 a gallon after July's price rise, the unprecedented fuel cost in the UAE remains below the grim records reached in the United States and Britain as the war in Ukraine unleashes the biggest commodity shock in decades. But the region's citizens have long considered cheap fuel a birthright.

"It's just too expensive," said Emirati engineer Suhail al-Bastaki.

Unlike the rest of the world, the war is an unexpected boost to public finances for the UAE and its hydrocarbon-dependent neighbors. With the most diversified economy in the region, Dubai has also benefited from an influx of wealthy Russians since the war.

But the price surge has signaled the region is not immune to global market forces.

As pressure mounted last week, the UAE and Saudi Arabia allotted a combined \$13 billion in social spending for low-income citizens — an option unavailable to the region's less affluent economies such as Egypt and Lebanon, where the price of

bread is surging and hunger is spreading.

Still in the UAE, where expats vastly outnumber locals, fuel price hikes are costliest for legions of workers from Africa, the Middle East and South Asia who power the economy. Inflation has cut into laborers' already meager salaries, triggering a rare outburst of illegal strikes this spring.

Other Gulf Arab countries have also curbed state benefits to balance their budgets in recent years. But fearing backlash from angry consumers, none have gone as far as the UAE, where fuel prices are nearly double the average among Gulf Arab states.

The country can get away with this partly because the burden falls on its 9 million expats, experts say. Meanwhile, in Saudi Arabia — a country of 35 million, two-thirds of whom are citizens — the government's fuel price cap has kept inflation under control even as food costs have spiked.

"The impact is not really on the (UAE's) local population," said Nasser Saidi, an economist in Dubai. "They feel the fuel price increases, but they remain protected in terms of the social contract."

The tiny Emirati population benefits from a welfare state that helps with free education, health care and housing, grants for marriage, scholarships to foreign universities and well-paid government jobs.

Amazon seeks to quell EU antitrust concerns

By Kelvin Chan

Associated Press

LONDON — Amazon, seeking to resolve two European Union antitrust investigations, has promised to treat third-party merchants on its website fairly, the bloc's competition watchdog said Thursday.

The U.S. online retail giant offered to make a number of commitments to ease competition concerns, and the European Commission, the 27-nation bloc's top antitrust enforcer, said it will now seek feedback on them from "interested parties."

The commission launched an investigation four years ago over concerns Amazon breached EU competition rules by using data from merchants selling products on its

platform to gain an unfair advantage over them.

It also opened a separate investigation into whether Amazon favors its own retail business and merchants that use its logistics and delivery system over other sellers.

Amazon said that while it disagreed with several of the conclusions, it has "engaged constructively with the commission to address their concerns and preserve our ability to serve European customers and the more than 185,000 European small- and medium-sized businesses selling through our stores."

Under the commission's investigation, Amazon had faced a possible fine of up to 10% of its annual worldwide revenue, which could have amounted to billions of

dollars.

The EU commission suspected Amazon of distorting competition by accessing and analyzing real-time data from independent vendors selling goods on its platform to help decide which new products of its own to launch and how to price and market them.

To address the problem, Amazon has promised to refrain from using "non-public data" from the vendors' activities to compete with them through its own sales of branded goods or "private label" products.

The company also promised to give equal treatment to all sellers when ranking their product offers for the site's "buy box," which lets shoppers add items directly to their shopping baskets.

Member of Fed board is open to 1-point hike

By Christopher Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Christopher Waller, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, said Thursday that he would be open to supporting a huge 1 percentage point increase in the Fed's key short-term interest rate later this month if upcoming economic data points to robust consumer spending.

Such an increase would mark a further ramping up of the Fed's rate hikes as it intensifies its fight against accelerating inflation. Faster rate increases would heighten the risk that the central bank's policies would cause a recession. The Fed hasn't raised its rate by 1 percentage point in several decades.

In a speech in Victor, Idaho, Waller said he still supports a 0.75% point increase at the central bank's next policymaking meeting in two weeks, even after a government report Wednesday showed consumer inflation accelerating to a new 40-year high.

But further economic data — including a report Friday on June retail sales and several reports on home sales and prices — will be released before the Fed's next meeting. If those figures "come in materially stronger than expected," Waller said Thursday, "it would make me lean towards a larger hike."

Speaking during a question-and-answer session, Waller suggested that a 1-point rate increase at the Fed's meeting late this month is less likely than the 80% probability that financial markets had given it late Wednesday, according to the CME Group.

"The markets may have gotten ahead of themselves a little bit yesterday," he said.

Waller stressed, though, that Wednesday's worrisome consumer inflation report sealed the case for a three-quarter-point hike, rather than the half-point increase that Chair Jerome Powell had suggested was also on the table for the Fed's upcoming meeting.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

30-year mortgage rate ticks back up

WASHINGTON — Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates were back up this week, just as the latest government data shows inflation has not slowed, meaning the Federal Reserve is almost certain to raise its benchmark borrowing rate later this month.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the 30-year rate rose to 5.51% from 5.30% last week. One year ago the average 30-year rate was 2.88%.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, popular among those refinancing their homes, rose to 4.67% from 4.45% last week. A year ago, the rate was 2.22%.

The Federal Reserve raised its benchmark rate by a half-point in May and another three-quarters of a point last month, the biggest single hike since 1994.

Vote on 'limited' chips bill to come

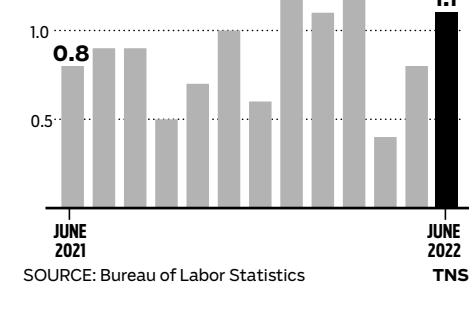
WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is telling senators to expect an initial vote as early as Tuesday on scaled-back legislation that would provide grants, tax credits and other financial incentives for companies that build semiconductor manufacturing plants in the U.S.

Both the House and Senate have passed sweeping bills that included numerous trade provisions, additional dollars for research and called for the development of regional technology hubs across the country. But lawmakers have struggled to reach a final compromise.

Schumer will move to take up a "limited competition bill" that includes the \$52 billion for financial incentives and research that is in the House and Senate bills.

Producer price index

Index of prices U.S. producers receive for goods and services, percent change from previous month



BUSINESS

Cars and trucks headed for export are parked in January at a port in Yantai in eastern China. The country's monthly trade surplus soared to a record \$97.9 billion in June. CHINATOPIX

China trade surplus reaches record as exports accelerate

By Joe McDonald

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's monthly trade surplus soared to a record \$97.9 billion in June as export growth picked up after anti-virus controls that shut down Shanghai were lifted and shippers moved a backlog of cargo.

Exports rose 17.9% over a year ago to \$331.2 billion, up from May's 16.9% growth, customs data showed Wednesday. In a sign of Chinese economic weakness, imports rose just 1% to \$233.3 billion, pushing up the trade surplus by 90% from a year ago.

Imports from Russia, mostly oil and gas, rose 56% over a year ago as Beijing took advantage of price cuts offered by the Kremlin after Washington and Europe suspended most of their own purchases to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

China's trade already was depressed by weak global demand before Shanghai, site of the world's busiest port, shut down starting in late March. Cargo handling is back to normal, but economists warn the shock will

be felt abroad for months.

"Exports rebounded strongly as shipping bottlenecks eased," said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics in a report. "But we think this may be the last hurrah for China's pandemic export boom before shipments drop back on cooling demand."

Weak import demand reflects a slump in construction, a major customer for foreign iron ore and other raw materials, after the government launched a crackdown on debt that has chilled the vast real estate industry.

Forecasters have cut estimates for China's economic growth to as low as 2% this year, well below the ruling Communist Party's target of 5.5%.

China's economy grew by a weak 4.8% over a year earlier in the quarter ending in March. That was an improvement over the 4% rate in the final three months of 2021.

Some believe it shrank in the quarter ending in June before beginning a gradual recovery. Surveys show that might be underway as manufacturing and service activity accelerates.

If that lasts, "the outlook for the second half of 2022 is for stronger imports," Rajiv Biswas of S&P Global Market Intelligence said in a report.

Exports to the United States surged 19.3% over a year earlier to \$56 billion despite lingering tariff hikes in a trade war over Beijing's technology ambitions. Imports of U.S. goods edged up 1.7% to \$14.6 billion.

China's politically volatile trade surplus with the United States widened by 26% from a year earlier to \$41.4 billion. It was among irritants that prompted then-President Donald Trump to launch the trade fight and hike import taxes.

Envoy from the two governments have talked by phone and video link but have yet to announce a date to resume face-to-face negotiations.

Exports to the 27-nation European Union rose 17.1% from last June to \$50.5 billion, while imports of European goods climbed 9.7% to \$25 billion. China's trade surplus with Europe widened by 65% to \$25.4 billion. Imports from Russia meanwhile rose 56% to \$9.7 billion.

Croatia clears last hurdles to entering euro currency bloc

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union has removed the final obstacles to Croatia adopting the euro, enabling the first expansion of the currency bloc in almost a decade as the exchange rate fell to its weakest level against the dollar in 20 years.

EU finance ministers approved three laws Tuesday that pave the way for Croatia to become the 20th member of the eurozone on Jan. 1. The last EU country to join the European single-currency area was Lithuania in 2015.

"It's a big day for Croatia, I dare say historic," Croatian Finance Minister Zdravko Maric said Tuesday in Brussels.

Adopting the euro offers economic benefits stemming from deeper financial ties with the currency bloc's other members and the European Central Bank's monetary authority.

More tangibly, it means that any of the current eurozone's 340 million inhabitants who visit Croatia will no longer need to exchange their cash for Croatian kuna.

Euro entry also has political rewards because the shared currency is Europe's most ambitious project to integrate nations, giving them a place in the EU core. That means a seat at the EU's top decision-making tables.

Croatia's accession to the monetary bloc is "an important moment for the European Union" and "confirms that the euro is an attractive, resilient and successful global currency," EU Commission Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis said.

However, the euro's exchange rate very briefly touched \$1 for the first time in two decades Tuesday before immediately



Croatia's Finance Minister Zdravko Maric, left, displays a euro coin facsimile Tuesday alongside European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde in Brussels. VIRGINIA MAYO/AP

going back up. A worsening energy crisis in Europe tied to Russia's war in Ukraine has stoked fears of the economy going into a tailspin.

The crucial factor for a possible adverse scenario is exactly the supply of energy," European Economy Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni said. "This risk did not diminish in the weeks that we have behind us. It's still there and increasing."

While officials in Croatia view euro membership as a success, citizens who are already coping with double-digit inflation are concerned that the introduction of the European single currency will cause further price increases.

"They are constantly comforting us on the radio that prices will be fine, but I don't believe it," Zagreb resident Visnja Gacic said. "I have a friend in Slovenia, and when they introduced the euro, prices went sky-high."

In May, inflation in Croatia reached a 14-year high of 10.8%. In the eurozone, it was a record 8.6% in June, with the ECB planning to raise interest rates for the first time in 11 years this month to combat soaring consumer prices.

Created in 1999 among 11 countries including Ger-

many and France, the euro has gone through seven previous expansions starting with Greece in 2001.

The appeal of euro membership is reflected by the last three expansions, which brought in Baltic states between 2011 and 2015. During that period, the eurozone was scrambling to contain a debt crisis that Greece had triggered and that was threatening to break apart the currency alliance.

A combination of European emergency loans to five financially vulnerable member countries and an ECB pledge to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro enabled the currency bloc to weather the turbulence and emerge stronger.

Croatia is relatively small and poor, so its euro entry will have limited international economic implications. The country has a population of around 4 million and per-capita wealth that, at \$13,500 last year, was less than half of the euro-area average.

Nonetheless, against the backdrop of the Russian war in Ukraine and Kyiv's hasty application for EU membership, Croatia's imminent adoption of the euro sends a potentially significant political signal.

MARKET RUNDOWN

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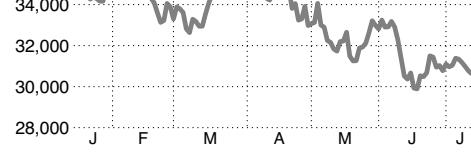
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Change: -142.62 (-0.5%)

10 DAYS



Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	30,630.17	-142.62	-15.71%
DOW Trans.	12,965.39	-35.67	-21.32%
DOW Util.	956.24	-.35	-2.50%
NYSE Comp.	14,171.24	-169.04	-17.44%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,251.18	+3.60	-28.08%
S&P 500	3,790.38	-11.40	-20.47%
S&P 400	2,260.03	-23.89	-20.48%
Wilshire 5000	37,673.47	-174.56	-22.26%
Russell 2000	1,707.51	-18.53	-23.95%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	95.78	96.30	+27.35%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.60	6.69	+76.94%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.19	3.23	+43.01%

METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,704.50	1,734.20	-6.73%
Silver (oz)	18.17	19.14	-22.12%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

Money Rates

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Prime rate 4.75 4.75

3-mo. T-Bill 2.38 1.89

6-mo. T-Bill 2.90 2.61

5-yr T-Note 3.06 3.05

10-yr T-Note 2.96 3.00

30-yr T-Bond 3.10 3.20

Global Markets

Commodities

CLOSE CHG. %CHG. %YTD

Frankfurt	12,519.66	-236.66	-1.86%	-21.18%
London	7,039.81	-116.56	-1.63%	-4.67%
Hong Kong	20,751.21	-46.74	-.22%	-11.31%
Nikkei	26,643.39	+164.62	+.62%	-7.46%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	15.06	-.08	-.446		Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	45.61	-.19	-.332	
AT&T Inc (T)	20.33	-.12	-.57		M&T Bank (MTB)	150.57	-.356	-.2%	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	78.60	+1.08	+4.54		MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	28.43	-.61	-.367	
Akerna Corp (KERN)	.18	+.03	+89.7		MetLife Inc (MET)	57.91	-.204	-.73	
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	110.63	+.23	+33.6		Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	254.08	+1.36	+24.5	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	14.25	-.06	-20.7		Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.05	-.04	-79.9	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	64.74	+.57	+26.0		Novartis AG (NVS)	82.60	-.41	-5.6	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	148.47	+2.98	+16.4		Novavax Inc (NVAX)	51.62	-.1833	-63.9	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.97	+.11	+9.8		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	153.72	+2.08	+47.7	
Bank of America (BAC)	30.13	-.71	-32.3		Occid Petl (OXY)	57.23	-.78	+97.4	
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GOP boycott of Jan. 6 panel is backfiring

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

Tuesday's hearing of the House committee investigating the assault on the U.S. Capitol of Jan. 6, 2021, provided a stark reminder of how the boycott by all but two Republicans has set the context of the proceedings. Remember: After Speaker Nancy Pelosi vetoed Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy's suggestions for Republicans to serve on the panel, McCarthy pulled all Republican participation, leaving Pelosi to name two Republican adversaries of former President Donald Trump who defied the boycott.

The hallmark of these hearings — seven this summer and one last year — has been that they've run smoothly. They start on time. There is no partisan sniping. No motions made and argued over. The use of taped segments — from depositions and from other evidence — has been professional and effective. The hearings even appear to end on time.

The committee has been shockingly effective at teasing each session in advance without giving away the bulk of their story. There's even a ritual at the end in which Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the senior of the two Republicans, previews the next hearing and drops a bombshell, supplying the media with a sidebar story and keeping everyone's interest up to the last moment. This past Tuesday's surprise was the revelation that Trump tried (unsuccessfully) to contact a committee witness.

It's not unusual for a lot of what happens in congressional hearings to be scripted; indeed, it's pretty normal. But even when partisanship is minimized and members are cooperative (and yes, even in these days of partisan polarization, there's plenty of cooperation), representatives almost always read off their own individual scripts, with no more than halting coordination even within the parties. For a hearing to be centrally scripted ... that's highly unusual.

Some of this would have been possible had there been additional, dissenting Republicans on the committee. But it would have been a lot harder. Even if the other Republicans had been pro-democracy and acted in good faith — unlikely, but let's suppose — they probably would have appealed to the impulse of many journalists to hold both parties responsible for any disputes that break out. More likely, they would have deliberately provoked fights to make the story about committee squabbling, rather than the evidence presented. They also could have selectively leaked things from the depositions to take the



Chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., center, and Vice Chair Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., sitting to his right, lead the seventh hearing held by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday in Washington. DOUG MILLS/NEW YORK TIMES

steam out of the hearings. But even just adding minority member time would have broken up the force and the effectiveness of the presentations.

To be sure, it would also have given critics a chance to expose weak points in the committee's argument. The latest session demonstrated how. The topic was actions taken by Trump after losing the 2020 election, from mid-December up to the day of the riot, with the committee trying to pin the eventual violence on Trump himself.

If the committee's goal was simply to prove that Trump was aware of the potential for violence, including violence by organized militia-like groups, and even encouraged it, then it was successful. However, I thought it was less successful at tying Trump directly to those groups. Overlap between the extended Trump camp and the extremist groups was exposed — Trump confidant Roger Stone, in particular, was involved with both — but a few skeptics on the committee could have

pushed the majority harder about whether there was more to Trump's involvement than simply inspiring anyone who was willing to follow him to commit mayhem.

I don't mean to minimize what the committee did demonstrate, which was certainly more than enough to produce a legitimate impeachment and conviction if Trump was still president, and may now be enough for indictment and conviction. And the committee has said that it hasn't yet revealed all the evidence it has gathered. But the feel of the hearing would have been different had there been someone present to poke holes at the conclusions drawn by the current members. Different, but perhaps not weaker; after all, one defense Trump can now trot out on the political stage is that no one is standing up for him in the committee, which is true even if the bulk of what is being presented is irrefutable.

One thing that is clear after eight hearings: Pelosi was correct to veto the Repub-

lican attempt to add committee members who were deeply involved in Trump's plotting. But that still left McCarthy with plenty of options, including strong Trump supporters who didn't get involved in planning to overturn the election and, in doing so, to overthrow the legitimate U.S. government.

Because if there's one thing that's been obvious starting on Election Day 2020 and is even more obvious now that we've seen hours of evidence, not to mention 18 months of Trump's public behavior, that overthrowing the government is exactly what Trump and his allies were attempting to do. Unfortunately, it seems that there are only two Republicans in the entire House of Representatives willing to side with democracy and against the former president. But they've made the committee a lot more effective.

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President Biden's economy steering us toward recession

By EJ Antoni
The Heritage Foundation

If you're having trouble making it from paycheck to paycheck, you're hardly alone. A majority of Americans tell pollsters they feel the economy is not in good shape and getting worse. People are now demonstrably poorer than when President Joe Biden took office. Although wages have risen, prices have risen much faster.

Worse, these are self-inflicted wounds. To find their source, look no further than the man steering the ship. On his first day in office, Biden grasped the helm and turned it hard to port — that is, a sharp left turn. In doing so, he turned the economy into the wind.

By canceling pipelines, threatening American energy companies with extinction, forestalling drilling leases and creating a hostile environment for producers, Biden has appeased his far-left supporters — but left the rest of America holding the bag. Biden has fought the construction of pipelines tooth and nail, preventing the replacement of aging infrastructure while also rendering proposed wells essentially useless. Drilling an oil or gas well is futile if the driller cannot build a pipeline to carry the product. Likewise, Biden's repeated threats to eliminate fossil fuels with crippling taxes and regulation have chilled investment. No one wants to build a refinery that will take years to recoup its initial costs when that refinery will be closed by government edict relatively soon.

Biden has also canceled drilling leases or missed deadlines for announcing plans on new leases. In an industry where investment requirements are routinely measured in the tens of billions of dollars, this uncertainty makes it nearly impossible to invest and increase production.

This 180-degree move for the economy has also turned the strong tailwind of American energy independence into an equally strong headwind with skyrocketing energy prices.

Affordable, reliable domestic energy has been an economic boon for America, but it is being shunned in favor of unaffordable and unreliable alternatives. Since energy affects the price of everything we buy, this left turn by the Biden administration is raising costs for Americans. Politicians grossly underestimate how much energy costs impact prices and affect economic output. By steering the ship of state directly into the wind, the Biden administration has stalled economic progress and moved the country backward.

The consequences of the administra-

tion's approach to energy are precisely the opposite of the free market, which has proven time and again that it can turn headwinds into tailwinds. Take gasoline. Its main components used to be waste products from refining kerosene. Their disposal was unsafe and environmentally damaging. But without any government edicts, the free market found a use for these petroleum distillates and turned a hazardous waste product into one of the most widely used commodities worldwide. This drastically reduced transportation costs and has made transit affordable for billions around the globe.

But miracles like this are far less likely when bureaucrats take command and ideologically steer the ship where they want it to go, as opposed to where millions of other people would like it to go. As the Biden administration continues to force the nation off reliable, domestic energy sources, the tailwinds of abundant American energy are now the headwinds of "green" energy boondoggles, pushing America into a recession.

Yet the White House press secretary insists "we're not in a recession right now," despite many indicators to the contrary. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, which maintains a model forecasting economic growth, is predicting that the economy contracted again during the second quarter of 2022, the three-month period from April through June. This follows the contraction of 1.6% in the first quarter, from January through March.

A recession, which occurs when the economy contracts for two consecutive quarters, simply means that there are fewer goods and services being produced. Artificially elevated energy prices are making the same goods and services more expensive, so that less are being produced, and less can be consumed. That means standards of living and quality of life decline, even though you may be working just as hard as before. Or you may not be working at all, since recessions also entail unemployment as businesses need fewer employees.

The first official estimate for second-quarter economic growth will be released July 28 and will likely show that the nation is already in a recession. Yet the ship of state can easily get underway again by once more sailing with the wind. For that to happen, the Biden administration needs to relinquish the helm and take its boot off the necks of America's great energy producers.

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Is this your first bear market? There is no reason for panic

By Nir Kaissar
Bloomberg Opinion

Trading apps such as Robinhood Markets Inc. introduced millions of investors to the stock market during the pandemic, and many of them are experiencing a bear market for the first time.

I suspect they have already learned some valuable lessons, notably that picking stocks is much more difficult in a down market.

I'm reminded of others I learned as a business student and later experienced during my first bear market, the painful dot-com bust from 2000 to 2002.

Foremost among them is that although it's reasonable to expect the market to rise over time, no one knows what it will do in the short term.

Naturally, people want guidance during a downturn; they want to know when their investment accounts will stop shrinking.

The financial industry knows this, so it parades out its prognosticators to tell the public how low stocks will go and how long the bear market will last.

Let me save you some time and disappointment: These would-be oracles have no idea where the market is going. Worse, most of them know there's no way to anticipate markets' moves.

But they can't resist the opportunity to promote their firms and themselves because they also know that nothing grabs investors' attention like a declining market.

Still, bear markets do end eventually, even if never feels that way at the time. There have been 12 bear markets since 1945, generally defined as a stock market decline of 20% or more from the previous high.

Their average duration was about a year from peak to trough. Some, including the dot-com bust, were closer to two years. The big outlier was the Great Depression, which coincided with a wave of bear markets throughout the 1930s.

The fact that no one knows when a bear market will end is one reason it's a mistake to put off investing or pull money out of the market.

Compounding the problem, stocks tend to surge at the start of a new bull market. So by the time it's obvious that the bear market is over, a big chunk of the gains is already in the books.

As a result, those who aren't invested when the bear market ends are invariably forced to buy at higher prices — and in some cases higher than the price at which they sold previously.

A better approach is to keep buying at regular intervals throughout a bear market.

That way, as prices decline, so does the average cost of purchases along the way, resulting in bigger gains when the market finally turns higher.

Bear markets are also a good reminder that no stock is a sure bet. Companies are more closely scrutinized during prolonged downturns, which often reveals and topples those that are dealing dishonestly.

Perhaps the best-known examples from the dot-com bust are the energy giant Enron Corp. and the telecom behemoth WorldCom Inc., both of which were wiped out when their accounting shenanigans came to light.

Other companies never regain their former glory after a bear market. General Electric Co. was the most highly valued US company in 2000.

I remember people saying at the time that it was the only stock anyone needed to own.

Today GE isn't even in the top 100, and its weighting in the S&P 500 Index is a rounding error.

Investors who bought GE in 2000 lost about 70% of their money through June, and that includes the dividends the company paid along the way. Betting everything or even mostly on GE turned out to be a terribly bad idea.

Nor is it guaranteed that a stock will reclaim its pre-bear market high. Netflix Inc. is down about 70% from its 52-week high of \$700 a share.

It may never reach that level again. Just because some investors paid more for Netflix than it's now worth doesn't mean the market is obliged to return to that price.

An easy way around these problems is to own the entire stock market.

Companies and bear markets have come and gone, and still the S&P 500 has returned roughly 10% a year during the past 150 years, including dividends.

S&P 500 funds are widely available, as are funds that track the full U.S. stock market or global stock market, and many have minimal fees.

Amid all the unknowns, one thing is clear: Investors are most likely to succeed when they invest regularly in low-cost funds that track broad markets and ignore everything else. That's never more important — or profitable — than during a bear market.

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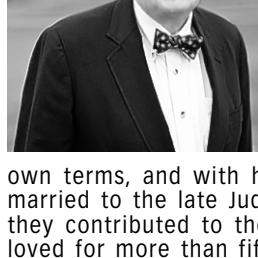
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OBITUARIES**Brookins, Marcia Jean**

Marcia J. Brookins was born December 19, 1947 in St. Paul, MN. Marcia graduated from Weaver High School in 1966, and went on to Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. She later transferred to Howard University where she obtained a bachelor's of fine arts degree. Marcia furthered her education by obtaining a master's degree in education from the University of Hartford. Marcia, an avid artist made a career teaching art for 39 years. In 1974, she married James "Smitty" Smith, and had two daughters, Samariya and Shana. Marcia passed away peacefully at home on July 9, 2022.

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Dann, Jordan R.

Dr. Jordan Robert (Bob) Dann, who practiced veterinary medicine in Ridgefield Connecticut for over 65 years, passed away on July 10, 2022, 96 years to the day of his birth on July 10, 1926. Bob was born in Pelham, New York to Albert Dann and Rosalind Dann. He left this world as he lived in it, peacefully, steadily, on his own terms, and with his dignity fully intact. He was married to the late Judith Leserer Dann and together they contributed to the Connecticut community they loved for more than fifty years. He is survived by his son, Curtis Dann of Danbury Connecticut, his son Jeoffrey Dann of Riggins, Idaho, and three grandchildren: Adam Dann of Washington D.C., Ashley Dann of Plympton, Massachusetts, and Elizabeth Dann of Burlington Vermont. He also leaves behind three great granddaughters, Cathleen, Molly and Maggie. Beyond his immediate family, Bob Dann was father, friend, brother, and mentor to many others whose lives he touched and enriched beyond measure. There are too many to name here but of particular note are Dr. Sally Knowles of West Hartford, Connecticut and her sons David and Scott, Zion Banda and her daughter Zoe of Southbury, Connecticut, Dr. Delfino Hernandez Agula of Carr Jocotepec-Chapala, Mexico, his Godson, Andrew Jordan Zarro of Portland, Maine, Dr. Ian Smith of Chicago, IL Dana Smith of California and his friend Frank Zarro of Saratoga Springs, New York. Bob Dann had many other spiritual sons and daughters who will understand that the omission of their names here by no means diminishes how important they were to him, and he was to them. This was no ordinary man.

During his medical career, Dr. Dann was a member of both the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine and Harvard Schools Committee for Fairfield County, Connecticut for two decades and served as Chairman of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Ethics for many years. Additionally, he provided leadership as the president of the Fairfield County Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Dann's community service also includes his role as a member of the Danbury Hospital Development Fund Board of Directors. Bob Dann also had an entrepreneurial side and toward the end of his career initiated several significant privately funded public benefit programs addressing environmental remediation, workforce development for underserved communities, veterans' rights, and affordable housing, which will benefit numerous individuals, families, and communities. Jordan Dann served as a member of the U.S. Army Combat Engineers and was stationed in Germany from 1944-1946. Bob enlisted at the age of eighteen and quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant. At the age of nineteen he led a squad of men. He then entered officer training school and earned the rank of Second Lieutenant Combat Engineer. After the war Bob was admitted to Harvard University where he was awarded his undergraduate degree. Dr. Dann then went on to earn his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine with distinction from Colorado University.

Bob Dann spent his life serving others and caring for creation. His love and tenderness for all animals and his devotion to their comfort and wellness were matched only by his love of people. As tender and loving as this man was, he was also strong and resolute. His devotion to the people and causes he loved was unshakeable and it was sometimes difficult to comprehend how anyone so kind and loving could be so strong. His life was a continuous testament to the enduring and indestructible power of love. Bob was a man who lived simply and acted justly, always with the right combination of old-school Connecticut formality and Harvard self-confidence, solidly underpinned by genuine humility and a true sense of self. An "I love you" to Bob Dann was often met with this reserved but heartfelt reply: "you know that's reciprocal."

We all at some point have occasion to say that this world has lost a great woman or man. In Bob Dann's case, these words take on additional meaning. Bob Dann's voice, as he assessed the world and proffered his assurance that it would all turn out well in the end was centering, stabilizing, and inspiring. The loss of his voice, especially in these difficult times, is unsettling. But we can be comforted by the knowledge that Bob Dann's legacy lives on, exponentially, in the lives he touched, the places he made better, the work he did, and the way he loved. Those of us who had the good fortune and the privilege of knowing Bob have a special duty, to share what he gave to us, to honor his legacy, and to carry on with what his life was all about, "...to make gentle, the life of the world."

Love you, Bob. We know. It's reciprocal.

A Memorial Service will take place in the Fall at a date and time to be announced. Contributions in Dr. Dann's memory may be made to ROAR (Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue) or DAWS (Danbury Animal Welfare Society).

Kane Funeral Home, Ridgefield is in care of arrangements.

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OBITUARIES**DiDonato, Cecile R.(Cloutier)**

Cecile R. (Cloutier) DiDonato, 95, of Southington, passed away on Tuesday July 12, 2022 at Southington Care Center. She is now reunited with her beloved husband of 55 years, Danny P. DiDonato, who predeceased her in 2006. Born in Hartford on July 2, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Emile and Jean (Levesque) Cloutier, and has been a resident of Southington since 1976. Cecile leaves behind her only son, Gregory DiDonato, and his wife, Susan (Schunk) DiDonato of Bristol, her grandson Bryan DiDonato and his wife Chelsea (Pepe) DiDonato of Southington, and of course, her "great grand-dog" Cooper. She is also survived by her four sisters, Lorraine DeGostin of Farmington; Irene Dagneau of Cromwell; Doris Brown of Laguna Niguel, CA; and Bea Puchalski of West Hartford; and a sister-in-law, Carol Cloutier, Hebron. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law, Joseph "Yogi" DiDonato of Hartford and John DiDonato and his wife Sister-in-law Pat of Manchester, along with many nieces and nephews on both sides of the family. She was predeceased by her siblings, Norman Cloutier and Claire Ennis.

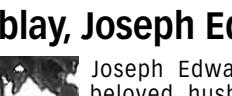
Some of her joys with being raised in "The Silent Generation" were growing up in Hartford and meeting her future husband roller skating, working at the Travelers Insurance Co., as well as Macca Plumbing, spending early vacations at the cottage in Old Saybrook and doing plenty of vacationing and camping. While in Southington meeting her future daughter-in-law, she was involved in Jensen's Mobile Home senior activities, including bingo, and had fun in retirement life fulfilling her days with gardening, cooking, and baking. She adored all the animals over the years, which include two parakeets named Frisky and her dogs Queenie and Princess.

She was a devout Christian, mother, grandmother, and a dedicated military wife. Her favorite TV shows, The Bachelor, Bachelorette and Dancing with the Stars, kept her plenty busy until it was time for an early bed. A sports enthusiast, The Yankees were her team! She loved Derek Jeter and, quite frankly, was able to see him in every game he ever played. She also couldn't wait until the UConn Woman's season started and loved following the games and championships. She was "all in" for the Northern Little League White Sox in Southington where her son managed, and was a constant spectator at baseball, soccer, football, and basketball in Bristol where her grandson played. She loved her family and friends dearly, and will be remembered for her smile, her good nature, and low-key attitude.

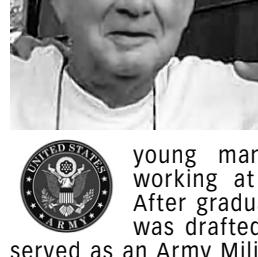
The family extends their gratitude to the staff and nurses at Southington Care Center for the expert care shown to Cecile.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southington Northern Baseball League (SNBL) with a memo to "Alan S Bator Scholarship," PO Box 125, Southington, CT 06489.

Family and friends may gather on Sunday, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, meeting directly at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St, Plainville. She will be laid to rest privately at the discretion of the family, alongside her husband, at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.



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Tremblay, Joseph Edward

Joseph Edward Tremblay, 89, beloved husband of the late Madeline Anne (Straka) Tremblay. Born on May 12, 1933 in New Bedford, MA, he was the son of the late Joseph Luder and Marie Donia (Poisson) Tremblay. As a child, Joe's family moved frequently, living in various states, while his father worked as a chef, finally settling in West Hartford. Joe was an ambitious young man delivering newspapers and working at the Rockledge Country Club.

After graduating from Hall High School, he was drafted for the Korean War, where he served as an Army Military Police. When Joe returned, he attended Hillyer College (University of Hartford) while starting his career at Chandler Evans. Joe worked in the Quality Control Department overseeing the fuel pump operations and retired after 43 years of dedicated service. In 1957, he married the love of his life, Madeline, with whom he was happily married for 48 years. Joe's greatest joys were simple: time with his wife, his sons, and family, walks, summer in the pool, winter with a fire, grilling and red wine. Highlights were family Super Bowl parties and Holiday gatherings. He was an avid Red Sox fan, making an annual event of taking his sons to Boston for a game. Vacations were always at a beach; enjoying Cape Cod and Longboat Key sunsets. Though he was a quiet man, his love for his family was present and his witty comments leaving us with a smile. Joe will be dearly missed. Joseph is survived by his sister Joanne A. Cappa and brother-in-law Michael A. Cappa; his sons Joseph J. and wife Cynthia (Shea) Tremblay, Kenneth R. Tremblay and wife Beverly Schako; grandchildren Christopher (Katelyn) Tremblay, Michelle (James) Tremblay, Allison (Jordan) Chamberlin, Benjamin Tremblay (fiancé Sarah Allen), Alexander Tremblay, Julia Tremblay, Katelyn Tremblay. As well as his nieces and nephews Barbara J. (Cappa) Bernhart, Cathie Cappa, John Straka and Anne (Straka) Kennedy and a great-granddaughter, Amelia Tremblay. Sadly Joseph is predeceased by his wife Madeline Anne and son John S. Tremblay.

The family would like to give special thanks to Hartford Hospital ICU staff for the exceptional care provided. To his home caregiver Arfat Haji, for her unending patience and compassion, and to a special niece, Cathie Cappa, who selflessly baked him his favorite, oatmeal cookies.

Family and friends may call on the family, Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a prayer service at 11:15 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield. Burial with military honors will take place at Cedar Hill Cemetery following the prayer service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joseph's name to: The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor Brookline, MA 02445-7226 (800) 52-Jimmy. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com



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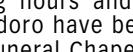
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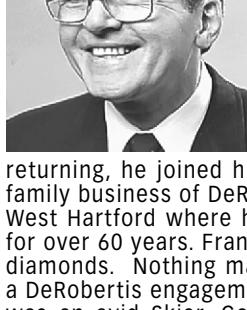
Bailey, Shirley

Shirley Bailey (81) of Old Saybrook, CT, passed away on July 10, 2022. Born on August 8, 1940, in New Britain, CT, Shirley attended New Britain High School. Upon graduation in 1958, Shirley attended Becker Junior College in Massachusetts. She later moved to Long Beach, CA, to work as an Executive Aircraft Company. In 1963, Shirley was the co-owner of Act II, a consignment shop in Victor, NY. For many years Shirley served on the Victor Central School District Board of Education, helping make disabled children's lives easier. She always loved watching sports, particularly tennis. Shirley was predeceased by her parents, Louis and Dorothy Brown of New Britain, CT, her eldest sister, Hilda Fumar, and brother-in-law, Joseph Fumar, of Hawaii, and her nephew, Wayne Dabbs, of Rocky Hill, CT.

Shirley leaves a sister, Dorothy Dabbs, of Old Saybrook, CT, daughter, Deborah Bailey, of Old Saybrook, CT, son Christopher Bailey and his wife Christine, of Collinsville, CT, son Eric Bailey and his wife Amy Excell, of Berwyn, IL, grandson Connor Bailey, of Wallingford, CT, grandson Nathan Bailey, of Windsor, CT, granddaughter Madeleine Arias, of Orlando, IL, and granddaughter Grace Arias, of Berwyn, IL, along with several nieces and a nephew. There are no funeral services, and the burial will be private with the family.

In place of flowers, please consider a donation in remembrance of Shirley Bailey to the Connecticut K-9 Education Center, 239 Maple Hill Ave., Newington, CT 01111, or Global Sanctuary for Elephants, PO Box 2426 Brentwood, TN 37024, because of her love for animals.

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DeRobertis, Francis

Francis A. DeRobertis of Wethersfield passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara (DeFranzo) DeRobertis.

Born in Hartford, CT, he was the son of the late Gene and Elaine (Perry) DeRobertis. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning, he joined his father and grandfather in the family business of DeRobertis Jewelers in Hartford and West Hartford where he happily served his customers for over 60 years. Francis loved sharing his passion for diamonds. Nothing made Francis happier than seeing a DeRobertis engagement ring on someone's finger. He was an avid skier, Golfer and boater and a longtime member of UNICO.

Besides his wife Barbara, Francis is survived by his sons, Gene DeRobertis and his wife Rosemarie of Wethersfield and Ronald DeRobertis of Wethersfield. Sister and brothers in law Kenny and Judy Marzi and Anthony DeFranzo of New Britain. Francis also had two very special cousins, he is survived by Teresa Rittlinger of Glastonbury and was predeceased by George Agnelli, Sr. of East Hartford. He especially valued the friendship of Bill Rulon who worked tirelessly by his side for over twenty years and he thought of as family.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield.

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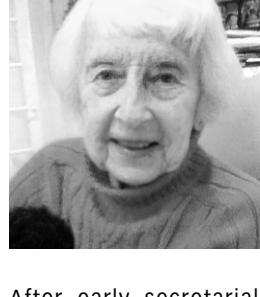
Covey, Joanne W (Williams)

Joanne (Williams) Covey was born to Ms. Doris Britton in Hartford, Connecticut on April 21, 1948. At birth, she was adopted by the late John and Hazel Williams and attended Hartford Public Schools. Joanne resided in East Hartford, Connecticut until she was called home to be with our Heavenly Father on July 7, 2022. Anyone who knew Joanne would agree she had a heart of gold, but was never afraid to speak her mind. In addition, she would engage in "marathon" conversations with family, friends, and complete strangers; always willing to share her point of view on the topic of the day. Joanne enjoyed life to the fullest to her very last day at Manchester Hospital and the family is extremely grateful for the exceptional care they provided her during her illness. Joanne will be deeply missed by all. Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Alexander Covey; her biological mother, Doris Britton; her adopted parents, John and Hazel Williams; two sons, Andrew and Stephen; sister, Barbara, and brother, Peter. She leaves to mourn and cherish her loving memory: son, Robert; grandson, Casey; two sisters, Patty and Theresa; two brothers, John and Robert, and a host of special friends and family members who had a special place in her heart.

We welcome you to join us on Sunday, July 17, 2022 at Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067 between 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm to celebrate Joanne's life.

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Kauklys, Marien A.



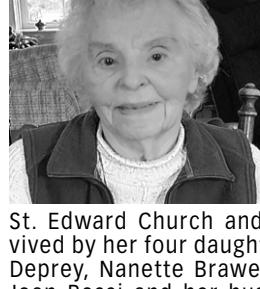
Marien Kauklys, 98, formerly of West Hartford, died on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at Avery Heights in Hartford. She was born in Hartford on October 8, 1923. Marien was the daughter of the late Peter and Anna (Nakceris) Kauklys, and grew up in East Hartford. She graduated from East Hartford High School and Katharine Gibbs.

After early secretarial assignments in Pakistan and Turkey, Marien had a long career as legal secretary with several prominent Hartford area law firms. She volunteered with the fledgling Hartford Stage Company in the early 60s and with the West Hartford Public Library in more recent years. Marien loved books, music, theater, and travel, and was a die-hard Huskies Superfan—but most of all, she adored the beach and the soundscape of the ocean's ebb and flow.

Marien is survived by her sister Agnes K Gleason; her nephew Michael Gleason, her niece Kathleen Taylor, her nephew Dan Gleason and his wife Patricia, and her dear friends Michael and Mary Flynn. Marien was preceded in death by her siblings John, Peter, Paul, and Anna. The family extends a special thanks to Holly Taylor-Fry and the wonderful staff at Avery Heights. There will be a Celebration of Marien's Life at Mount St Benedict Cemetery on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 11 a.m.

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Gianantoni, Julia



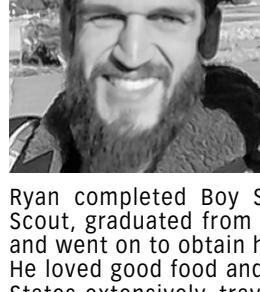
Julia Gianantoni, 98, of Stafford Springs, CT, wife of the late Elmo J. Gianantoni, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at Evergreen Health Care Center. She was born in Millers Falls, MA, daughter of the late John and Katherine (Malek) Szenher. Julia had worked as a lab technician at Johnson Memorial Hospital, and was a member of St. Edward Church and the Ladies Guild. She is survived by her four daughters, Maryann Gianantoni, Kathy Deprey, Nanette Brawer and her husband Lonnie, and Joan Rossi and her husband Thomas; eight grandchildren, Christina, Mariann, Michael, Andrew, Jesse, Daniella, Eryn, and Jason; six great grandchildren, Liana, Jeremiah Jerome, Daniel, Benjamin, Miles, and Maya; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph; three sisters, Mamie Jalicki, Toni Szenher, and Ruth Schultz; and son-in-law, Jerry Deprey. A calling hour will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 9:30-10:30 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. at St. Edward Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will follow in St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Memorial donations may be made to St. Edward Church, 27 Church St., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.intrivignefuneralhome.com

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McRee, Ryan Andrew



It is with a very heavy heart and great sadness we announce the passing of Ryan. Ryan Andrew McRee, 32, died 4:12pm Saturday July 9, 2022, from complications of acute liver failure associated with biliary atresia. He was at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NYC with his family by his side.

Ryan completed Boy Scouts with the rank of Eagle Scout, graduated from Glastonbury High School, 2008, and went on to obtain his bachelor's degree in college. He loved good food and travel. He traveled the United States extensively, traveled to Germany solo and lived in Australia with his family as a youngster. His most remarkable skill/hobby was his ability to read. He always had 3-4 books going at any one time, always. He also helped many people of all ages advance their reading as well.

Ryan is survived by his life partner Jade, maternal grandfather Clair, parents Rex and Karen, along with his sister Kelsi. He is also survived by his extended family and many many friends.

Service will be held 11:00 am July 20, 2022 at South Congregational Church 949 So. Main, South Glastonbury, CT. Immediately following, a celebration of life gathering/reception for all at 2 Hopewell restaurant outside.

In lieu of flowers please forward donations to South Congregational Church in Ryan's honor for graciously hosting his memorial service. If flowers are more appropriate for you send them to So G Coffee, 882 Main Street, South Glastonbury, 06073

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Matteo, Allyson M.



Allyson Mary Matteo, beloved and special daughter of Ralph and Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Matteo died on July 14, 2022. Allyson was born on March 18, 1972 in Middletown and was special in so many ways. She loved spending time with her family, the beach, sports, singing and dancing and her pencils. A favorite trip was to the Old Saybrook beach house. She also loved watching Wheel of Fortune and a special highlight was when she had a private meeting with Pat Sajak. A graduate of Middletown High School's special education program, Allyson resided in a group home, around the corner from her parents, operated by New England Residential Services (NERS). She attended Helping People Excel's Day Services Program. A delightful young woman, Allyson always quickly became the "favorite" of her home and day program workers. She was mischievous and playful while making all who knew her smile. Allyson is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Melissa and John O'Hara and her brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Cassandra Matteo. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews Erica Matteo, Jack O'Hara, Suzanne O'Hara and Michael Matteo. Her family will always be grateful to the large and loving family of NERS workers who have cared for Allyson for so many years. We love you very much Allyson and you will be greatly missed by many. Funeral services will be held Monday (July 18th) at 11 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. Calling hours at Biega Funeral Home will be on Monday from 9:30 to 11 a.m., prior to the service. Burial will be in St Sebastian's Cemetery, Rockfall. Persons attending the calling hours and service are requested to wear masks. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to New England Residential Services at 282 East Main St., Middletown, CT 06457. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

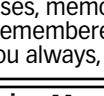
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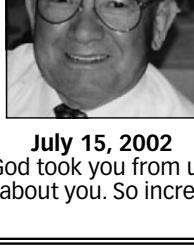
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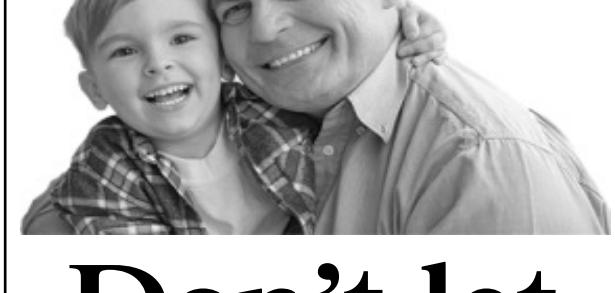
You are so dearly missed. We all love and miss you so much.
Love always and forever, Dad

In Loving Memory Of JOSE HENRIQUES SILVA



July 15, 2002

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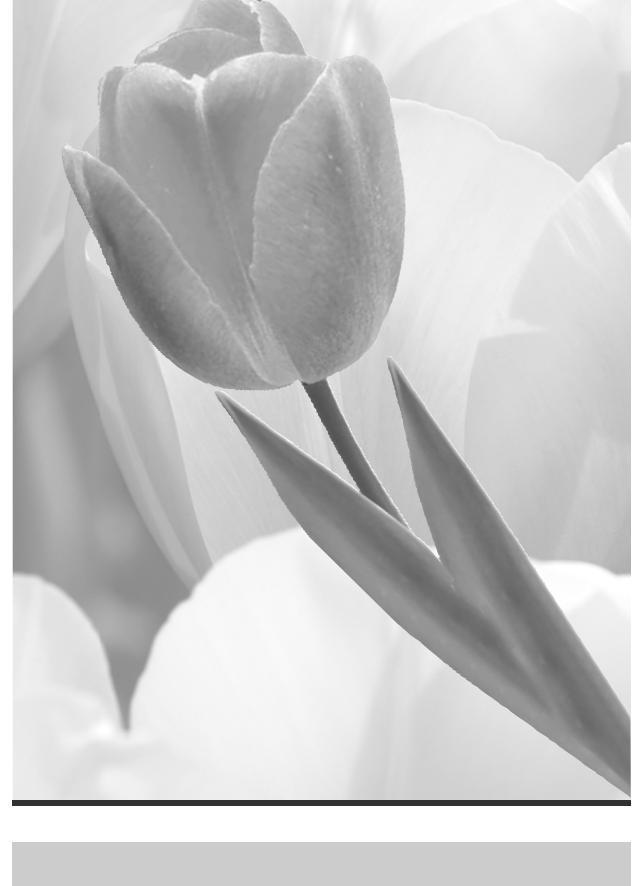
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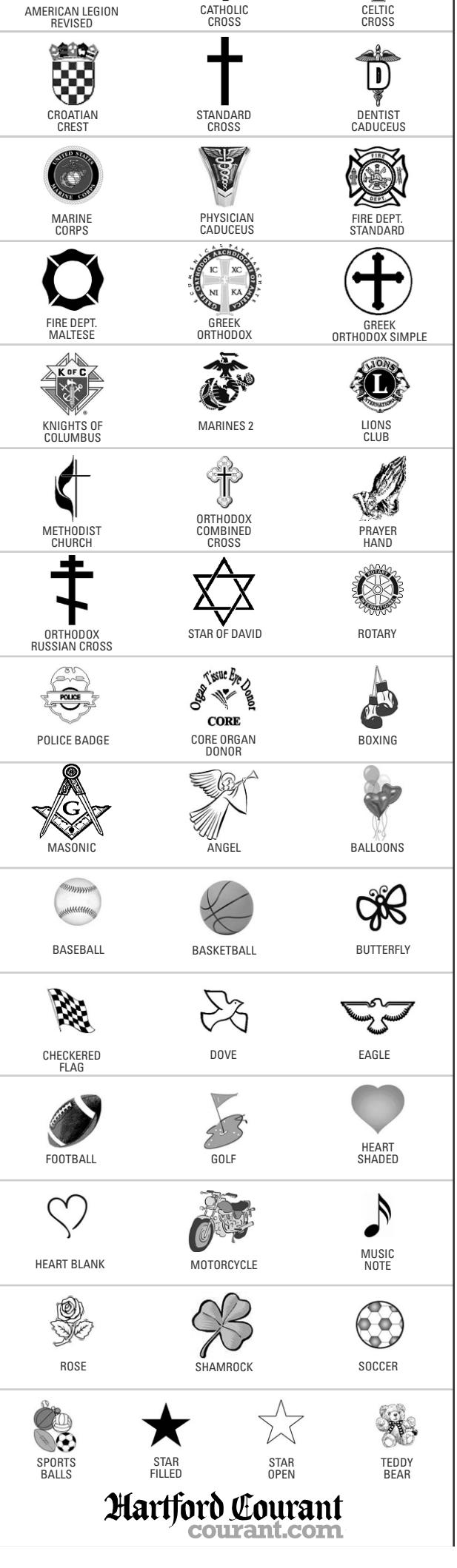
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Neighbors step up warehouse fight

As developer files suit, South Windsor property owners pushing to question witnesses, introduce evidence

By Don Stacom

Hartford Courant

With a developer pursuing two lawsuits to press South Windsor into authorizing a nearly 360,000-square-foot warehouse, nine would-be neighbors of the project have filed motions in both suits to be recognized as intervenors so they can continue arguing against it.

Glastonbury-based UW Vintage Lane II LLC has been the focus of neighborhood controversy since last July, when it first proposed a mega-warehouse on 30 undeveloped acres along Governors Highway.

Nearby property owners quickly orga-

nized an opposition campaign and argued to the planning and zoning commission that a project so massive would create traffic backups and pollution from idling trucks.

Their attorney, John Parks, told planners last fall that the proposal for 54 loading docks indicated the site might qualify as a freight terminal — a more intensive use than a warehouse and distribution center.

UW Vintage Lane argued that the plan wouldn't fall into a freight terminal designation. Peter DeMallie, president of Design Professionals and chief presenter of the UW Vintage Lane plan, also told commissioners that the developer was waiting to decide whether to build on speculation or wait for

construction until it secures a tenant.

Parks urged the commission to press UW Vintage Lane harder on exactly what kind of use for the building is planned, citing a Sonoma, Calif., case where the town learned after questioning an applicant for a similar building that it was planning a freight terminal rather than just a warehouse.

The commission ultimately rejected UW Vintage Lane's first plan in December, saying it was likely to cause too much pollution or create too much public distrust of air and water quality there.

The developer filed suit in Hartford Superior Court in January claiming commissioners had no reasonable grounds for denying

the proposal. Commissioners ignored expert testimony on behalf of UW Vintage Lane and were confused about facts in the case, the lawsuit claims.

"The members of the commission failed to make themselves sufficiently familiar with the application, the supporting materials and the public hearing records to exercise an informed judgment," according to the lawsuit.

That case remains pending.

Meanwhile, UW Vintage Lane submitted a modified proposal, which also was rejected. In the second case, commissioners sided

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Wadsworth Atheneum names new director

Hargraves brings wealth of impressive experience

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art has named Matthew Hargraves, who has been the historic museum's interim chief curator for the past year, as its new director.

Hargraves has already started in the new position, after the Wadsworth board of trustees approved a search committee's recommendation. The announcement was made Thursday morning.

His expertise is in 18th century British art, but as interim director he has demonstrated a deep interest in a wide range of Wadsworth activities, including its designated modern art exhibition space MATRIX.

Hargraves

The position has been vacant since April of 2021, which Tom Loughman resigned, but the search for a new director really began in November of last year, after the Wadsworth announced a major change in its leadership structure. Instead of a single CEO/Director, the museum decided to shift to two separate roles.

Jeffrey Brown was given the CEO position in November. At that time, he described the new arrangement to the Courant as him being responsible for "the overall leadership, vision, and strategic direction of the organization and its staff" while the director would oversee "the artistic direction of

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Johnson Memorial latest to push for cutbacks

Aims to close labor, delivery unit to 'transform' services

By Erica E. Phillips and Katy Golvala
CT Mirror

Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs is seeking to permanently close its labor and delivery unit, joining several other Connecticut rural hospitals in cutting back on maternity and other services.

In a release Wednesday, Trinity Health of New England, which acquired Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home & Community Health Services in 2016, described the health system's plans to "transform its hospital-based services to meet the current and future needs of the local community more effectively."

In addition to the labor and delivery unit, the hospital plans to discontinue surgical services, the intensive care unit and the medical/surgical unit at Johnson Memorial's campus in Stafford. Birthing patients will be directed to deliver at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, 30 miles away; outpatient surgeries will be performed at Johnson Memorial's Enfield campus; and the other services will be made available "at another Trinity Health of New England hospital," according to the release.

Trinity noted that Johnson Memorial would file a required public notice through



You're likely to find owner Michael Cirinna behind the counter, knocking out orders and chatting with patrons. BLAINE CALLAHAN/HARTFORD COURANT

QUICK BITES

Claudia's brings family, freshness to Farmington

With plans to expand, grinder shop sees success in caring for customers

By Blaine Callahan
Hartford Courant

For Claudia's owner Michael Cirinna, it's all about family.

"We give a personal service and touch in Claudia's," he says. "You walk in a couple times and we get to know you. You're not just a customer."

Claudia's Grinder Shop built its success in caring for its customers, a product of its original owners, Cirinna's parents, when they came to the United States from Sicily, Italy. They lived on Franklin Avenue in Hartford, a hub for Italian immigrants in the mid 1900s, with a culture steeped in conversation and compassion. Claudia's is no different.

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— Michael Cirinna,
Claudia's owner

"That's how it used to be," Cirinna says. "But not as much anymore. I'm trying to bring that type of service back."

Where did the name Claudia's come from?

As it turns out, it's quite simple. "The name Claudia's is my sister's name," Cirinna says. "Originally, this was supposed to be for my mom and sister. A little coffee shop and a deli."

He remembers being around 10 at the time, traveling with his father from one location to the next in search of a suitable location for the business. Most property owners told him it wouldn't work, that an Italian grinder shop

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New London to mark its role in slave trade

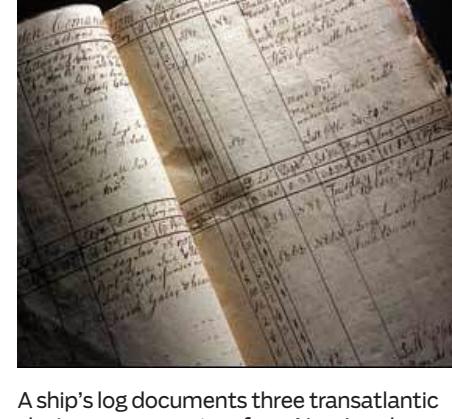
Plaque will be unveiled in ceremony at Amistad Pier

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

When the Speedwell arrived in New London on July 17, 1761, 21 Africans stolen from their land had already died. In its hold it bore 74 more who would be sold into slavery in the surrounding area, growing crops, building infrastructure and enriching Connecticut residents.

To acknowledge New London's role in the transatlantic slave trade and mark its designation as a UNESCO Slave Route Project Site of Memory, the city will unveil a plaque on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Amistad Pier.

"It's been a part of New London that we haven't taught our children," Mayor Michael Passero said. "I'll be honest with you, I did not know this history until recently. I'm not unique in that. So I think it's very important that we acknowledge that we're part of this and make sure that the story is told and passed on."



A ship's log documents three transatlantic slaving voyages — two from New London to Africa. CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY & MUSEUM/COURTESY

The UNESCO designation was conferred in 2018, New London Landmarks Executive Director Laura Natusch said.

The goal of the UNESCO project is

to raise "awareness of the history of the transatlantic slave trade, its impact on the modern world, and its legacies, including racism and prejudice," the United Nations site says.

New London is one of 53 ports in North America in which ships arrived directly from Africa with enslaved Africans, and one of only two in Connecticut. The Speedwell remained in New London for several days before sailing up the Connecticut River to Middletown, where some of the captives were sold into slavery. Records indicate that 21 others were enslaved on the farm of one of the Speedwell's owners, Normand Morison, in Bolton.

"Not everyone has the Middle Passage. It connects New London to a larger picture," Curtis Goodwin, project manager for New London's Black Heritage Trail said. "For me, being an African American male, it's just exciting and reinvigorating to learn about your culture, your history."

"Our history was stripped from us, so to be able to tell it authentically, and to be

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BRISTOL

Man struck and killed by vehicle overnight

A man was struck and killed by a car in Bristol just after early Thursday morning, according to police.

Bristol Police were called to Middle Street near the Southington town line for a serious crash with injuries involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, police found a vehicle and a 36-year-old man laying on the ground who required medical attention.

Police provided life-saving medical care to the man before Bristol EMS arrived. He was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries and was later pronounced dead.

Initial investigations showed a 23-year-old woman driving north on Middle Street struck the man as he was in the roadway, police said. Middle Street was shut down for several hours so they could process the crash, police said.

The driver and pedestrian's names have not been released so their families can be notified, police said.

— Mike Mavredakis

BRIDGEPORT

Woman arrested in connection to killing

A woman wanted in connection to a Bridgeport murder case was arrested by U.S. Marshals on Thursday morning, according to Bridgeport police.

Melanie Castro, 21, was wanted for her alleged role in helping Glenn Pettway flee the state after he was charged with murder in the May 28 death of Marisol Dumeng, police said.

Pettway was located in Jackson, Tennessee, by U.S. Marshals on June 1. Marshals relayed information to Tennessee law enforcement, who confirmed Pettway was inside a residence armed with a handgun, Bridgeport police said at the time.

After a lengthy standoff, Pettway was found dead with a self-inflicted gunshot wound on June 2, according to police. According to Bridgeport police, Castro allegedly helped Pettway flee the state to Tennessee.

Castro has been charged with criminal liability of another for murder and second-degree hindering prosecution, police said. She is being held on a \$1.5 million bond and she is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday.

— Mike Mavredakis

WATERBURY

Man faces burglary, weapons charges

A man was arrested on burglary and weapons charges after he was found operating a stolen vehicle in Waterbury, according to police.

Officers located a suspect driving a blue Honda CRV in the area of Bank Street that was reported stolen out of Waterbury in May. Police identified the man as David Fontanez, 40, of Waterbury. Upon stopping the vehicle, police found two firearms in the stolen motor vehicle.

Fontanez is a convicted felon due to previous burglary convictions, which prohibit him from possessing firearms, police said.

Fontanez was charged with criminal possession of a pistol or revolver, two counts of criminal possession of a firearm/ammunition, carrying a pistol without a permit, weapons in a motor vehicle and third-degree larceny, police said.

Waterbury police had an active arrest warrant for Fontanez related to a burglary in May on Congress Avenue on charges of third-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit third-degree burglary, fifth-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit fifth-degree larceny, according to police.

Additionally, Fontanez had six outstanding violation of probation warrants in relation to other burglary offenses, police said.

— Mike Mavredakis

VERNON

3 injured, 1 critically in two-vehicle crash

A driver is in critical condition and two other people were hospitalized after a two-car crash in Vernon on Tuesday evening.

Police responded to a serious crash near Union Street and Ward Street after 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The driver of a 2012 Hyundai Accent was transported to Hartford Hospital with serious injuries and is listed in critical condition, according to police.

The driver and passenger of a 2013 BMW X5 were both transported to Rockville Hospital with minor injuries, police said.

The two vehicles were towed from the scene. The crash is currently under investigation, and no charges have been filed at this time.

— Mike Mavredakis

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the museum, steering the collection management, exhibitions, and educational programming activities."

Hargraves is the first director under the new leadership model. He and Brown have already been working together as a team during Hargrave's interim leadership.

Since June 2021, Hargraves has served as Interim Robert H. Schutz Jr. Chief Curator, in charge of the Curatorial, Conservation, Exhibition and Design departments.

In a statement, Brown says "We were fortunate to have a robust

field of well-qualified candidates. As the review process proceeded and multiple candidates were considered and extensively interviewed, it became increasingly apparent that Matthew Hargraves is precisely the right person to serve as Director of the Wadsworth. He brings a depth and breadth of knowledge, commitment, innovation, passion, and scholarship that will contribute to advancing public access to the Wadsworth's remarkable collections and heighten our connections to communities near and far."

Before joining the Wadsworth for the interim position, Hargraves was chief curator of art collections at the Yale Center for British Art

in New Haven, where he had held several different roles since 2005. Among his achievements there was overseeing the digitization and online availability of the YCBA's collections.

He has lived in the Hartford area for the past 15 years.

Hargraves is British, and holds a Ph.D. in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London and a bachelor's degree from the University of Warwick. He is an expert in 18th century British art.

Both Brown and Hargraves will serve as ex-officio members of the Wadsworth board.

Gerard Lupacchino, president of the Wadsworth board and chair

of the search committee, said in a statement that "Matthew's impressive track-record and extensive experience will be tremendous assets as we embrace future possibilities and engage a growing array of audiences."

The museum has expressed a need to appeal to a wider section of the community. In 2016, it began offering free admission for all Hartford residents.

The Wadsworth Atheneum and Museum was founded in 1842 and extends to five connected buildings, housing a collection of nearly 50,000 artworks.

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with neighbors who had warned that snow removal plans for the massive site could result in pollution to nearby waterways.

In April, the developer sued over that rejection two, and thus has two cases against the planning and zoning commission in Hartford District Court.

The company cited the same arguments in its second suit and also claimed that commissioners mistakenly accepted neighbors' contentions about the impact of plowing snow into wetlands.

"The commission failed to recognize that no such environmental impact was alleged," the suit states.

Opponents who testified gave no evidence to back up such a claim, and the town's own wetlands board had already concluded that the warehouse would not damage nearby wetlands, according to the lawsuit.

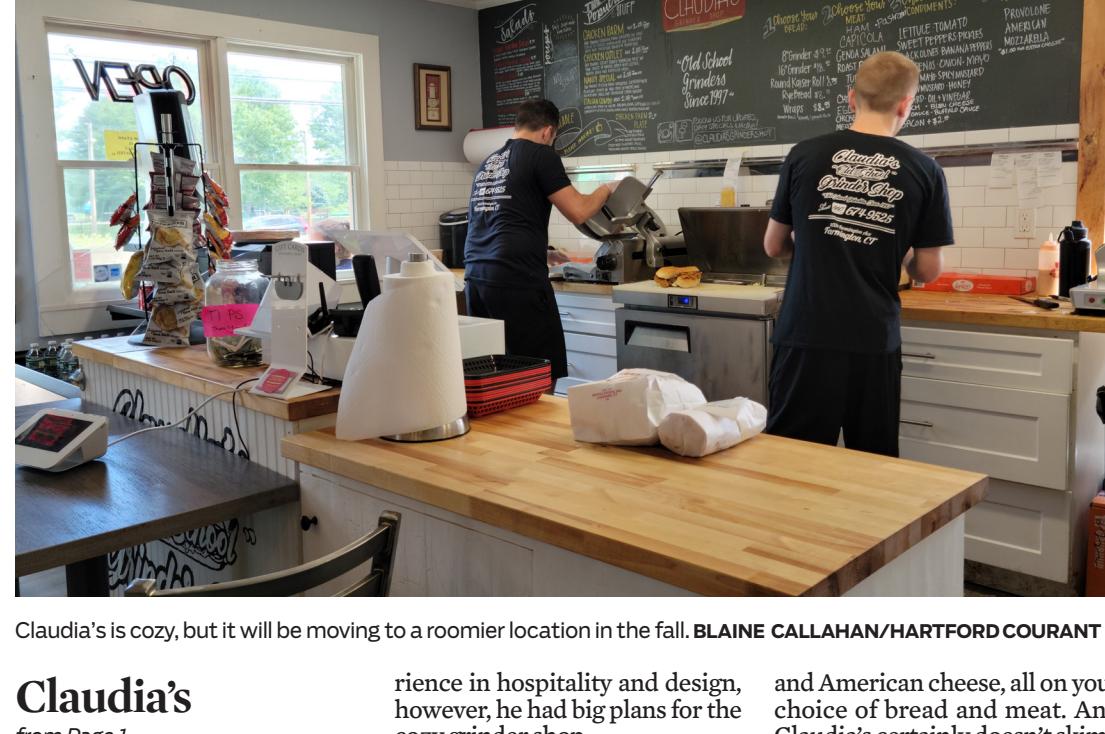
In both court cases, neighbors last month filed motions to be recognized as intervenors — a move that would give them limited power to question witnesses and introduce evidence.

The prospective intervenors are Richard Brian Delhaie Jr. and Susan Elizabeth Delhaie of Cody Circle; Kanika Biasla of Edgewood Drive; Gerald Jeyaraj and and Seconda P. Gerald of Cody Circle; Rahuraj Singh Chandra and Sunita Chandrakar of Edgewood Drive; and Martin Rulnick of Governor's Circle; and Derrick Butler of Governor's Highway.

"The development would negatively impact the proposed intervenor's use and enjoyment of their residential property, their health and safety, and the value of their properties," according to the motion.

"The development would cause noise, light and air pollution, create traffic and pedestrian safety hazards, and have negative aesthetic impacts," according to the motion by Attorney Joel Green.

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Claudia's is cozy, but it will be moving to a roomier location in the fall. BLAINE CALLAHAN/HARTFORD COURANT

Claudia's

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in the suburbs wasn't financially viable.

Eventually they found a cozy shop in Farmington, where the owner was looking to sell.

"We had a flair for this kind of stuff," Cirinna says. "My father used to work at Franklin Giant Grinder Shop. My parents actually used to have a pizza shop in New Britain sometime later, but they decided to get rid of it as the neighborhood got rougher."

Claudia's Grinder Shop first opened its doors in February 1997, and found success almost immediately. Cirinna's father wound up selling his landscaping business and came to the shop full-time. Cirinna jumped in soon after, learning the ropes before leaving to go to college for graphic design while working at a bar in Hartford.

"That's where I developed a passion for hospitality. I wanted to be a part of something like that. I loved being a part of that business."

He found himself missing it after starting a career in graphic design, only to be a victim of a layoff while in Boston. He returned home and took his father up on returning to Claudia's. With his newfound experience,

rience in hospitality and design, however, he had big plans for the cozy grinder shop.

Old-school deli with a modern touch: It didn't take long for Cirinna to step up.

"I took what I learned in college and in the bar scene to help the business," he says. "I started to rebrand it into what it is now."

He designed a logo and doubled down on Claudia's personable, familial atmosphere, going out of his way to chat with every regular and newcomer alike. His parents had laid the groundwork; he just had to expand on it. It wasn't long until he was running the business himself.

Coupled with its excellent customer service, however, is an equally impressive dedication to fresh ingredients and food quality. Again, he has his parents to thank.

"The food in Italy and the standard of eating there is incredibly high. You don't really see fast food there. Everything's fresh and made to order."

It's one and the same at Claudia's. Grinders are all made to order, with a fan-favorite, the Chicken Cutlet, cooked around the clock. It's best served "American Style," a term Cirinna wound up learning from a friend who referenced how folks used to order back in the '60s on Franklin Avenue. It's lettuce, mayo, tomato,

and American cheese, all on your choice of bread and meat. And Claudia's certainly doesn't skimp on the latter.

What comes next for Claudia's Grinder shop? While the pandemic put a damper on Cirinna's initial plans, he's excited to move to a new, more expansive location this fall. He's even more thrilled to expand on his menu.

"We used to have a hot board before the pandemic," he says. "We're going to add that to the menu when we move to our new location in the fall. The plan is to offer some dinners and sell homemade pastas and the like."

You can also expect a return of the homemade stuffed bread spinach and buffalo chicken pies. He wants to try arancini as well: a fried rice ball that's shaped like a cone with sauce and cheese.

They're popular at Italian festivals, or if you take a visit to Little Italy in New York City.

Most important, however, Cirinna promises the same level of food quality and customer care patrons have come to know and love.

"We serve high-quality food; I'm a stickler for it. The same goes with personable service. When I hire people, I make sure they're a people person. The kids that I hire here; everybody's great. They all get to know each other."

tion ceremony by PEACE Works Group, LLC, and poetry by New London Poet Laureate Joshua Brown.

Speakers will include Rev. Jane P.H. Bernoudy, a director of New London's former Kente Cultural Center; H. P. Kheder from the Islamic Center of New London, and Lonnie Braxton II, who graduated from a segregated high school in Mississippi to become a Senior Assistant State's Attorney in New London. State Rep. Anthony Nolan and Mayor Michael Passero are also scheduled to speak.

desert, leaving patients to travel long distances for vital health services," she said.

As part of its planned "transformation of services," Trinity is boosting investments in behavioral health, as well as geriatric care, assisted living and senior housing on its Stafford campus, and it's augmenting cancer and outpatient surgery services at its Enfield campus, it said.

"Redesigning care delivery to safely meet the needs of the local community remains the hospital's top priority," the press release states. "It will allow Johnson Memorial to reach new levels of patient-centered care and service excellence, while continuing its longstanding commitment to the local community."

Trinity emphasized that it's working to adhere to OHS regulations. John Brady, executive vice president of AFT CT, a union that represents health care workers, said he found that encouraging.

"We hope that bodes well ... for a more transparent approach going forward. Our guiding principle is to protect the needs of the communities we serve," he said in an emailed statement.

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able to do it at such a scale, it's just going to go on for future generations to be able to see, and be a part of curriculum, etc. So, for me, this is probably one of the most important things that I've been able to do, both personally and professionally."

Natusch said that planning for a ceremony had begun not too long before the pandemic and was halted. Instead, Natusch and the planning committee turned their

efforts toward digging deeper into New London history and put together the New London's Black Heritage Trail with the help and support of the city.

As the pandemic waned, Natusch and the Planning Committee developed the plaque text, then finished planning the ceremony over the last few months. William Hamilton, from the Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project came up from Kentucky to view potential sites and offer guidance, along with Deborah Shapiro, who helped put together a similar cere-

mony in Middletown.

Natusch also gives "tremendous credit" to the City of New London's elected leaders and municipal staff for providing funding, input on the best location, installing the plaque, and publicizing the event.

The event, sponsored by the New London Cultural District in partnership with New London Landmarks, will feature performances and speeches, including a dance and blessing of the lands by Miss Mashantucket Preonna Boyd-Cannon, African drumming and dancing by Nia Arts, a liba-

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the state Office of Health Strategy, seeking approval to close the labor and delivery unit. "These proposed changes are expected to take approximately 12 to 18 months to implement and are dependent on the state's Office of Health Strategy (OHS) approval," the press release states.

A representative for OHS wasn't immediately available to comment.

Patient advocates have argued that cutting services at rural hospitals can have several negative impacts, such as limiting access to care, increasing costs for patients and reducing choice — all of which can have the combined effect of exacerbating existing health inequities. Many have pointed out the danger to birthing patients who don't have transportation to bring them to another hospital.

The changes Trinity is planning for Johnson Memorial align closely with those proposed in recent years by other rural Connecticut hospitals. Those hospitals share a common

feature: They've all come under new ownership by larger health systems. As hospital systems consolidate, they often reorganize — eliminating services that are less profitable or duplicative.

Prospect Medical Holdings, a Los Angeles-based company that owns 16 hospitals across the country including three in Connecticut, sought to downgrade its ICU and discontinue surgical services at Rockville General Hospital in Vernon. Nuvance Health, which owns seven hospitals across western Connecticut and the Hudson Valley, has filed to eliminate the birthing unit at Sharon Hospital and replace the ICU there with what's known as a progressive care unit.

Last week, Hartford HealthCare, which owns seven hospitals in Connecticut, was initially denied its request to cut labor and delivery services at Windham Hospital, about 40 minutes from Hartford. The hospital now has the opportunity to appeal that decision before the state issues a final decision.

Trinity Health owns three hospitals in Connecticut. The health system suspended labor

and delivery at Johnson Memorial following a March 2020 executive order from Gov. Ned Lamont that allowed hospitals to temporarily shut down some services in order to increase capacity for coronavirus patients. Birthing services resumed at Johnson Memorial in July 2020 but shut down again in October of the same year.

Last month, the Office of Health Strategy issued a fine to Johnson Memorial of \$394,000 for terminating labor and delivery services without approval — \$1,000 a day for 394 days. Until this week, Trinity had said it planned to reopen the unit once it could find appropriate staffing.

Now it's seeking to shutter the unit.

Lisa Knightly, president of the Johnson Memorial Hospital Nurses chapter of the AFT union, said she and fellow members are "concerned for our community's future well-being." OHS oversight is key, "given the scope of the proposed transformation of care to be provided at our hospital and the region's facilities," Knightly said in an emailed statement.

"This part of Connecticut is quickly becoming a health care

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Jones defiant in Sandy Hook deposition

Newly released court documents show Infowars host denied responsibility for parents' suffering

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones was defiant and cited free speech rights during a lawsuit deposition in April when questioned about calling the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting a hoax and the effect the statement had on families who lost loved ones, according to court documents released Thursday.

Jones insisted he wasn't responsible for the suffering that Sandy Hook parents say they have endured because of the hoax conspiracy, including death threats and harassment by Jones' followers, according to partial transcripts of the deposition in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on April 5 and 6. Several Sandy Hook families are suing Jones for defamation over the hoax claim.

"No, I don't (accept) responsibility because I wasn't trying to cause pain and suffering," Jones said, according to the transcripts. "And this is they are being used and

their children who can't be brought back being used to destroy the First Amendment."

Jones added, "If questioning public events and free speech is banned because it might hurt somebody's feelings, we are not in America anymore. They can change the channel. They can come out and say I'm wrong. They have free speech."

After first promoting the hoax conspiracies on his Infowars show and other media platforms, Jones later said he did believe the shooting happened but has maintained he had the right to say it didn't.

A gunman killed 20 first graders and six educators at the Newtown, Connecticut, school on Dec. 14, 2012. Families of eight of the victims and an FBI agent who responded to the school are suing Jones and his company, Free Speech Systems.

Connecticut Judge Barbara Bellis found Jones liable for damages to the families in Novem-



Jones

ber. Jury selection for a trial to determine how much money he should pay them is scheduled to begin Aug. 2 in Waterbury.

Bellis found in favor of the Sandy Hook families'

claims and defaulted Jones without a trial on the liability issue, as punishment for what she called Jones' repeated failures to follow court orders and turn over documents. Jones has criticized Bellis and denies he failed to turn over documents to the Sandy Hook families' lawyers.

A judge in Texas, where Jones and Infowars are based in Austin, issued similar default rulings and found Jones liable for damages to Sandy Hook families who filed lawsuits in that state over the hoax conspiracy promoted by Jones. Trials on damages also are pending there, with the jury selection in the first one scheduled to begin July 25.

The partial transcripts were released ahead of a court hearing before Bellis on Thursday to

prepare for the trial. They were included in a motion by the families' lawyers, Alinor Sterling and Christopher Mattei, asking the judge to bar Jones from challenging her liability finding against Jones during the trial.

Questioned by Mattei during the deposition, Jones called Bellis' ruling "fraudulent," accused her of lying and alleged she was friends with a lawyer in Sterling and Mattei's firm, Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder.

"I'm sure your pet judge will do whatever you want," Jones said.

Mattei asked Jones if he had said the Sandy Hook shooting wasn't real. Jones' lawyer, Norman Patti, objected to the question. Jones then said, "It is my right as an American citizen ... I have said that in context I could see how people would believe it's totally staged and synthetic."

Mattei later asked Jones if he considered the Sandy Hook families to be "unwitting pawns" in a plot against him.

"I have just seen really a lot of sad people that lost their children using me to keep the story of their chil-

dren in the news and gun control in the news. And so ... then I see the accusations by you guys that I made all this money off Sandy Hook when I know I didn't."

Thursday's court hearing was held to deal with various scheduling matters and motions filed by both sides in the case. Bellis did not issue any major rulings.

Jones has filed motions to bar certain evidence from being presented at the Connecticut trial, including information about "white supremacy and right-wing extremism."

Patti also objected to media coverage of Thursday's hearing, saying pretrial publicity could undermine Jones' right to a fair trial. Bellis denied the objection, saying it did not outweigh the presumption of open courtrooms.

Patti noted that on Tuesday, Jones figured prominently in a hearing of the U.S. House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the nation's Capitol. The panel played videos of Jones and others vowing that Jan. 6 would be the day they would fight for Donald Trump.

Cirque du Soleil bringing 'Corteo' tour to Hartford

Will come to XL Center in Dec., but 'unforeseen circumstances' lead to cancellation in Bridgeport

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

The international circus sensation Cirque du Soleil appeared to have rebounded from COVID woes, resuming numerous tours of its spectacular shows around the world. On Tuesday the company announced its "Corteo" show will be coming to the XL Center in Hartford Dec. 15-18.

But while "Corteo" is soaring anew, Cirque du Soleil has canceled its "Crystal" tour scheduled for July 29-31 at Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport.

A press release cited "unforeseen circumstances" and said all tickets purchased through Ticketmaster will be refunded automatically to credit cards. For additional inquiries, ticket holders should reach out to their original point of purchase.

Cirque du Soleil describes "Corteo" as a festive parade imagined by a clown who envisions his own funeral, complete with angels. According to the company, "Corteo" has been seen by over 10 million people in 20 countries on four continents. It is directed by Daniele Finzi Pasca. "Corteo" has been touring arenas since 2018 but existed from 2005 to 2015 in a different format, and never came near Connecticut.

"Crystal," premiered in Quebec, Canada, in 2018. The skating spectacle was scheduled to play both Hartford and Bridgeport in June of

2020, only to be canceled due to the COVID shutdown of performance venues throughout the state.

The Canadian company, which revolutionized the circus world in the 1990s, suffered a long hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2020 Cirque du Soleil — based in Montreal, where it also runs a major circus-training program — filed for bankruptcy protection. Five months later, following some restructuring and negotiations with creditors, Cirque du Soleil was able to emerge from bankruptcy. It is again presenting dozens of different shows around the world.

There are three main types of Cirque du Soleil productions:

■ Big top shows, where the company creates an entire self-contained venue in a gigantic tent, usually situated in a large open space in a city. The most recent Cirque du Soleil tent show to play Hartford was "Luzia," in a big top on Market Street in 2019.

■ Arena tours, which operate similar to rock band tours, playing a circuit of existing arena-sized venues around the country. Cirque du Soleil has brought numerous tours to the XL Center in Hartford over the years, including "Toruk" (based on the film "Avatar") in 2018 and "Ovo" in 2016.

■ Long-running circus theater shows in venues that have been elaborately renovated specifically to host those shows. The vast majority of



Cirque du Soleil's "Corteo," coming to Hartford's XL Center in December, features costumes by renowned designer Dominique Lemieux. COURTESY

IF YOU GO: The "Corteo" tour will have five performances Dec. 15-18 at Hartford's XL Center. Tickets have already gone on sale to Club Cirque members and XL Center Cyber Club members, and will go on sale for the general public on July 18 at 10 a.m. for \$44 to \$145. More information is at xlcenter.com and cirquedusoleil.com.

these — KÀ, Michael Jackson One, Mystère, O, Mad Apple, Mystère and The Beatles LOVE — can be found in Las Vegas, while others are in Mexico and Brazil as well as Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Connecticut's never had one of these types of shows, though they've been as near as Edmonton, Canada and New York City ("Paramour," which ran for a year on Broadway from 2016-17). One of the newest projects, the New York-themed "Mad Apple," opened in Las Vegas earlier this year with a Connecticut native, magician TJ Salta, in the cast.

Each Cirque du Soleil show has its

own theme and style, often created in collaboration with world-renowned directors and designers. "Corteo" features costumes designed by Dominique Lemieux, while "Crystal" is an ice show with skating routines created by Olympian and world medalist ice dancer Benjamin Agosto.

Of course, the main attraction of any Cirque du Soleil show are the circus acts that are adapted to fit these fantasy worlds. Each tour spotlights world-class acrobats, jugglers, contortionists, clowns or other circus performers considered among the best in the world.

Most Cirque du Soleil shows have little or no dialogue, just music, soundscapes and visual effects. Most, including "Corteo," have original music scores. "Crystal" stands out in that it features songs made famous by U2, Beyoncé, Nina Simone and Sia, though performed in the show by other artists.

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Long Wharf Theatre names associate artistic director

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

Rachel Alderman is leaving Hartford Stage, where she's been involved in shows for over a decade, to become the new associate artistic director at New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre.

There has not been an associate artistic position at Long Wharf since Eric Ting, who held the role for a decade, left to run the California Shakespeare in 2015. The Long Wharf's current artistic director, Jacob Padrón, began in 2019.

In a release, the Long Wharf says Alderman will oversee artistic production, new work development and community partnerships for the organization. As a lead producer at the theater, she will work with Padrón and Long Wharf managing director Kit Ingu.

Long Wharf is currently in the process of leaving the building it

has called home for over 60 years, amid the locking docks on Sargent Drive. The theater's 2022-23 season includes the final performances at the old space and a move to an itinerant period of performing at various spaces around New Haven.

Alderman joined Hartford Stage as an artistic apprentice for the theater's 2010-11 season. She leaves as an artistic associate, whose duties included overseeing the theater's annual Christmas-themed shows. She was charged with maintaining Hartford Stage's popular annual "A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas." That production, directed by Michael Wilson, premiered in 1998. It was on Alderman's watch that the show transitioned to a new actor in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge after Bill Raymond relinquished the role



Alderman

after 18 years.

When the COVID pandemic made producing "A Christmas Carol" unfeasible, Alderman devised a virtual holiday show, "A Community Carol" which was a webcast in 2020. She then co-directed last year's replacement for "A Christmas Carol," "It's a Wonderful Life — A Live Radio Play." That production is scheduled to run again this year, Nov. 25 through Dec. 24.

Alderman directed "Cry It Out," Molly Smith Metzler's play about modern parenting, at Hartford Stage in 2019. This past season, she co-directed Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" with that show's star, Marsha Mason.

Alderman is also the artistic director of A Broken Umbrella Theatre company, founded in New Haven in 2007. The company became known for staging original

plays that explored the history of New Haven buildings and neighborhoods. They did site-specific shows at New Haven Free Public Library, the Erector Square art studio complex (a former toy factory), the site of a 19th matchstick company in New Haven's Westville neighbor. A Broken Umbrella's "Freewheelers," exploring New Haven's legacy of bicycle riding and corset manufacturing, was presented by the International Festival of Arts & Ideas in 2013. The company also became known for its creative shows for children.

A longtime New Haven resident, Alderman has also worked with numerous other small theaters around the state, including HartBeat Ensemble, where she directed Julia Rosenblatt's political musical "Gross Domestic Product" in 2016.

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Lamont declares Stage 2 drought

All of state's counties urged to take steps to reduce water usage

Staff report

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont declared Thursday that all eight counties in Connecticut are experiencing drought conditions and urged residents to voluntarily take steps to reduce their water consumption.

The Democrat's declaration was based on a recommendation by the state's Interagency Drought Workgroup, which determined that every county in the state is experiencing Stage 2 drought conditions due to below normal precipitation.

Stage 2 is the second of five drought stages defined by the Connecticut Drought Response and Preparedness Plan. On June 2, the workgroup classified New London and Windham counties as being at Stage 1, essentially a "heads up" about the early signs of abnormally dry conditions.

"Residents should be mindful of their water consumption and take sensible steps to reduce impacts on other water uses and on the environment," Lamont said in a statement. Residents and businesses are being urged to take steps such as reducing automatic outdoor irrigation, postponing planting new lawns or vegetation and fixing leaky plumbing.

According to the state, residents and businesses are being asked to voluntarily take these measures to aid in minimizing future drought impact:

- Reduce automatic outdoor irrigation
- Postpone the planting of any new lawns or vegetation
- Minimize overall water use by fixing leaky plumbing and fixtures
- Follow any additional conservation requests issued by water suppliers or municipalities

Tips on water saving measures can be found on the Department of Public Health website here.

The state agency also said: "The state has experienced this level of drought five times in the past two decades, in 2002, 2007, 2010, 2016 and 2020. If conditions deteriorate further, the state could reach Stage 3, having reached that threshold in four counties in 2020."

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July 15, 2022 7250624

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Videconference, for the following:

a. Continuation of hearing on Zoning Text amendment application to add definitions for Cannabis Establishments under section 2.4C, add Cannabis Establishments to sections 4.29-4.31 Districts and Schedule of Uses as Special Permit Use, and add use related standards for Cannabis Retail Stores and Cannabis Cultivators under Section 7.B Additional and Special Standards Specific For Uses, Applicant: Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission.

b. Continuation of hearing on Special Permit for conversion of existing barn into 600 sq. ft. retail space for 11 Union St. Applicant: Jennie Maneri.

c. Modification of existing Special Permit for Solid Waste Volume Reduction Facility/Transfer Station at 400 Commercial Drive. Applicant: Eastern Transfer Station.

d. Text Amendment Application to revise Section 5.2 "Net Buildable Lot Area".

Applicant: Deep River Planning and Zoning Commission.

The public may speak and submit written communications until the close of the public hearing. Details zoning@deprivect.us or available in the Land Use Office.

Anthony Bolduc
Chairman

7/8, 7/15/2022 7246790

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT & NEW BOE CENTRAL OFFICE PROJECT TOWN OF CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT

The Town of Cromwell is seeking written responses to a Request for Qualifications & Proposals (RFQ/RFP) to retain a Project Management firm for management services of a new middle school and new Board of Education central offices.

An original and ten (10) copies of qualifications, proposals, one (1) electronic copy and fee must be submitted to the Town Manager, 41 West Street Cromwell CT 06416 by 10:00 AM on August 5, 2022. This RFQ/RFP is available at Cromwell Public Schools Office of the Superintendent (Lisa Hicks, lhicks@cromwell.k12.ct.us) or by accessing the Town's website, www.cromwellct.com. 7/15/22 7250229

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Eloise I. Andreana (22-00514)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated July 12, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Robert J. Andreana, 152 Stony Mill Lane, East Berlin, CT 06023
7/15/22 7250821

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Deep River Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Richard H. Smith Town Hall Auditorium, 174 Main Street Deep River, CT to consider the following:

Application ZBA #22-04 for Appeal of a Decision of Deep River Zoning Enforcement Officer issuance of Notice of Violation regarding operation of a Contractor's Business and Storage Yard in the TID Zone without Site Plan approval (Map 59, Lot 13). Applicant: Paul Dube.

A complete copy of the applications are available for inspection at the Deep River Building and Zoning office at Town Hall.

June 27, 2022. Jerome Ackerman, Acting Chair
7/8, 7/15/2022 7246678

TOWN OF CROMWELL PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AMENDED LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following items:

1. Application #22-13: Request to amend Section 5.2 of the Zoning Regulations to allow for the installation of electric charging units in parking lots. Miodrag Delic, Delic Properties, LLC is the Applicant.

2. Application #22-15: Request for Special Permit under Section 3.5.C.4 for a Connected yard for vehicles, equipment, materials and/or supplies at 150 Sebette Drive. Alvin Ravizza is the Applicant and RANDA LLC is the Owner.

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written testimony received. This application is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Planner.

Alice Kelly
Chairman
Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this the 29th day of June 2022.
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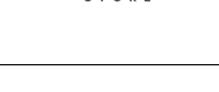
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FACT #84: A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #178 : Genophobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238: Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.



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'MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS' ★★ 1/2

A Cinderella story returns for a little wish-fulfillment

By Michael Phillips

Chicago Tribune

Neither hambone nor underplayer, Lesley Manville gives tremendous value for the money. Her classical chops, coupled with a shrewd improviser's wiles honed in the films of Mike Leigh, have elevated so many projects, among them Paul Thomas Anderson's "Phantom Thread," in which Manville played the impeccably coiffed gatekeeper to Daniel Day-Lewis's meticulous Pygmalion fantasies of what the well-dressed woman should wear.

"Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" allows Manville to be the one outside of the haute couture, looking in, and then striding right through the looking glass. This is the latest screen adaptation of the 1958 Paul Gallico novel, about a humble London war widow getting by as a charwoman. Ada Harris dreams of luxury, for once, before it's too late. Her story is a daydream made real, about traveling to the House of Dior and coming home with something nice.

Manville and her fellow actors ensure that the film certainly is that. Its niceness is all, even when director and co-writer Anthony Fabian foists a vaguely bullying charm onto the storytelling. The adaptation stays pretty faithful to Gallico's original, though Harris herself has evolved in different directions.

No longer is she the sort of postwar British specimen who'd say something like "dirty, them foreigners," the way Angela Lansbury put it in the 1992 TV movie. This time, her corner of mid-1950s London is progressive enough for a wider, less paranoid vision of this woman's world,



Lesley Manville stars in the 1950s-set comedy "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris." LIAM DANIEL/FOCUS FEATURES

before and after she goes to Paris.

The inciting plot incident remains the same. When Harris spies one of her regular cleaning clients' Dior dress, the sight takes her breath away. Her life immediately transforms into a single, pricey long shot: saving enough money to fund a quick flight to Paris, where she will buy a single Dior dress and return home in a dreamy Cinderella state of mind.

The lives she transforms en route, by way of compassion and beguiling effrontery, are many and grateful. Initially the formidable Mme. Colbert (Isabelle Huppert) sees this working-class interloper in the House of Dior as a pest to be waved away. But Harris persists, aided by the discreetly dashing assistance of a wealthy nobleman and Dior regular (Lambert Wilson). She wants that dress!

"Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" tick-tocks between setback and advance, dashed hopes and fortuitous kindnesses. Primarily, our hero, a warm, earthbound Mary Poppins, plays matchmaker to a restless Dior model (Alba Baptista) and a shy Dior accountant (Lucas Bravo). The idea with the new "Mrs. Harris" is to make her more of an engine and less of a passenger in her own story. The screenwriters yield mixed

results, as Harris foments a workers' strike, among other late-breaking developments.

Manville in interviews has described the material as "a musical without the music," though "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris" has, in fact, already been turned into a British musical. If director Fabian's touch is a little heavy and coy, the actors lighten it every preordained step of the way. A lot of folks will enjoy the

wish-fulfillment. We need it; Not a lot in the real world right now is fully cooperating in that regard.

*Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic.
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MPAA rating: PG (for language, suggestive material and smoking)
Running time: 1:55
How to watch: In theaters

CELEBRITIES



Khloe Kardashian, seen in 2017, and Tristan Thompson, seen in 2018, have conceived a baby via surrogate. The reality star and basketball player also have daughter, True, 4. AP PHOTOS

Kardashian, Thompson to have baby

From news services

Khloe Kardashian and Tristan Thompson have conceived a sibling for their daughter, 4, via surrogate, but don't count on a reunion for mom and dad.

"We can confirm True will have a sibling who was conceived in November. Khloe is incredibly grateful to the extraordinary surrogate for such a beautiful blessing. We'd like to ask for kindness and privacy so that Khloe can focus on her family," a representative for Kardashian said Thursday in a statement.

The reality star, 38, started dating the Chicago Bulls player in 2016, and they've had a roller-coaster relationship. In December, it was revealed that Thompson was having a baby with fitness model Maralee Nichols, who he'd slept with around his 30th birthday in March 2021.

Nichols filed a paternity lawsuit against Thompson last year. The baby boy is now 7 months old. Thompson, 31, is also the father of a son, 5, with ex Jordan Craig.

Clinton to interview guests on 'Gutsy': Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, will interview the likes of Kim

Kardashian, Megan Thee Stallion and Gloria Steinem for a streaming series. Apple TV+ said Thursday that "Gutsy" will debut Sept. 9.

In the eight-part series, the mother-daughter duo also talk to Dr. Jane Goodall, Wanda Sykes, Amy Schumer, Goldie Hawn and Kate Hudson, among others, Apple TV+ said.

The series is based on the Clintons' book, "The Book of Gutsy Women."

Ribeiro to co-host 'DWTS':

Alfonso Ribeiro will be the new co-host of "Dancing with the Stars."

The actor, whose eccentric dance moves as Carlton on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" helped make him a fan favorite, will host the competition show's 31st season alongside returning emcee Tyra Banks, the network announced Thursday.

Ribeiro, 50, won the 19th

season of "Dancing with the Stars" in 2014 as the partner of professional

Witney Carson.

"Dancing with the Stars" has been such an important part of my life for so many years, and I am ecstatic to officially rejoin this tight-knit family as co-host," said Ribeiro, who has hosted multiple game

shows. "Tyra and I have a long-standing friendship that I hope will resonate with all of the fans at home as we kick off this new season on Disney+."

Season 31 of "DWTS" will be the show's first on Disney+ after previously airing on ABC. A premiere date has not been announced.

Banks was the solo host of "DWTS" seasons 29 and 30 and is also an executive producer on the show.

Grammys set for Feb. 5:

The Recording Academy announced Thursday that the 65th Grammy Awards will take place Feb. 5 at Crypto.com Arena, the venue formerly known as Staples Center, in Los Angeles.

Nominations for the Grammys will be unveiled Nov. 15, with information about a possible host also expected later.

July 15 birthdays: Actor

Patrick Wayne is 83. Singer

Linda Ronstadt is 76. Actor

Terry O'Quinn is 70. Actor

Forest Whitaker is 61.

Actor Shari Headley is 58.

Comedian Eddie Griffin is 54.

Actor Scott Foley is 50.

Actor Brian Austin Green is 49.

Actor Taylor Kinney is 41.

Actor Tristan "Mack" Wilds is 33.

Actor Iain Armitage is 14.

Dear Amy: My 12-year-old granddaughter, "Casey," often stays with me during weekends. Casey has a friend from school who she has visited several times. She has had a sleepover at that friend's house — with her mom's permission.

I met the friend's mother briefly; I've only seen the friend from a distance.

My granddaughter led me to understand that her friend is a girl.

It seems now that although this friend was born female, she wants to transition to male, but is also gay, in that the friend wants to be a boy who is attracted to other boys. I am not comfortable with her having a sleepover with a boy. I believe that 12 is too young to make decisions about sexuality.

My granddaughter is a handful. She lies routinely and is completely untrustworthy.

I don't want to offend her friend or the friend's parents, or have them think we would stop my granddaughter from going there simply because their child has a complicated sexual identity.

I'm at a loss about how to handle this.

— *Exhausted Grandma*

Dear Exhausted: Let's set aside your granddaughter

"Casey's" friend's gender exploration. If this information is coming from or being filtered through Casey, then I'd say you have a 12-year-old's explanation of another 12-year-old's gender journey.

The issue you should focus on is the question of where Casey will be spending the night when she is with you, and who

Dear Worried: My opinion about this depends on what kinds of problems your husband shares with his former co-worker, and what kind of gifts they are exchanging.

If he calls her to discuss the Peterson account or to exchange ideas about how to navigate through a thorny company problem, that's one thing.

If he is sharing intimate and private details about his — or your — life, that's another.

If he is sending her bottles of Shalimar or a gift pack from Victoria's Secret, I'd say that was a clear "tell." You can double-check the order history through your, or his, Amazon account.)

Partners absolutely can have friendships outside of the marriage — but it is important that these friendships not interfere with the marriage.

I hope you and your husband can really talk about this. He should be transparent and reassuring, rather than dismissive or defensive.

Dear Amy: I was absolutely shocked by your response to "Protective fiancee," whose guy was sexually harassed by a woman at a bar. You are normally so anti-male — I was surprised when you called out the double-standard when women sexually harass men.

— *Call Me Surprised*

Dear Surprised: Gee, thanks!

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74TH EMMY AWARDS

'Succession' leads nods, has rival in 'Squid Game'

'Ted Lasso,' 'Hacks,' 'White Lotus,' 'Only Murders,' 'Euphoria' among top nominees

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

"Succession" received a leading 25 Emmy nominations on July 12, but the satirical drama about the rich and ruthless has a landmark rival in "Squid Game," the first non-English language series to vie for television's top honor.

"Squid Game," a South Korea-set drama in which the poor are fodder for brutal games, earned a best drama nomination and 13 other bids for September's Emmy Awards.

"Succession" captured the best drama trophy and eight other awards when it last vied for Emmys in 2020.

"Ted Lasso" was the top comedy series nominee with 20 bids and has the chance to earn its second consecutive best comedy trophy, as academy voters proved undeterred by its sophomore season turn to the emotional dark side.

Other top nominees included the tropical resort-set anthology dramedy "The White Lotus," which also received 20 nominations; the comedies "Hacks" and "Only Murders in the Building" with 17 bids each, and teenage dysfunction drama "Euphoria." Its star, Zendaya, crowned best actress in 2020, was nominated again.

Departing series that might have expected salutes were instead snubbed, including the beloved family drama "This Is Us," which received one bid, for original music and lyrics. An equally beloved family comedy, "black-ish," earned costume and hairstyling nominations. "Ozark," which wrapped its run last season, fared



Lee Jung-jae, center, Park Hae-soo, right, and Oh Yeong-soo in "Squid Game." All three actors garnered Emmy nominations for their work in the South Korea-set drama. NETFLIX

better, with 13 bids including best drama series.

The final season for "Insecure" earned a lead comedy actress bid for its creator-star Issa Rae, while the return of "Atlanta" brought its creator and lead Donald Glover a shot at a best actor trophy to bookend his 2017 award.

The crowd-pleasing and acclaimed "Abbott Elementary" made a splashy debut in its first year, earning seven nominations including a best comedy nod and a lead acting bid for its creator, Quinta Brunson. The recognition for the ABC show was a rare bright spot for broadcast networks, which were otherwise shut out of the comedy and drama series races.

The other nominees for best comedy series include "Barry"; "Curb Your Enthusiasm"; "Hacks"; "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"; "Only Murders in the Building" and "What We Do in the Shadows."

Best drama series nominees include "Better Call Saul"; "Euphoria"; "Severance"; "Stranger Things" and "Yellowjackets."

The modern vampire comedy "What We Do in the Shadows" and "Yellowjackets," a combined thriller and coming-of-age saga that has created major buzz, showed Emmy voters have both a sense of humor and adventure. Controversy apparently left them unfazed: "Dave Chappelle: The Closer," which drew criticism for its transgender mockery, picked up a pre-recorded variety special nomination.

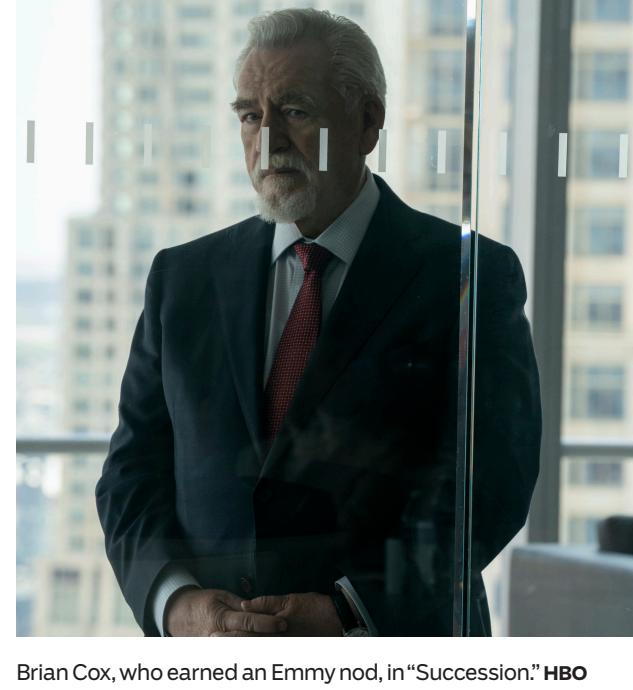
"Only Murders in the Building" a cheery crime romp headed by the charmingly unlikely trio of Selena Gomez, Steve Martin and Martin Short, earned best comedy actor bids for its veteran stars but left Gomez off the list.

Netflix's global sensation "Squid Game" followed in the footsteps of 2020 Oscar darling "Parasite,"

also made in South Korea. But "Pachinko," a sweeping and much-lauded South Korean family drama, failed to garner any Emmy nods.

Emmy rules allow for a non-English language show with a U.S. production partner to compete, but it took the rise of streaming services to make it happen. The Emmys were once dominated by broadcast and later cable shows made primarily for North America, but streamers target that market and a wide swath of others — and are finding that shows made in Asia, Europe and elsewhere can carry worldwide.

"Squid Game" boosted rare Asian representation with five acting nominations, including a lead actor bid for Lee Jung-jae and supporting actress nod for Jung Ho-yeon. The show already had proved a groundbreaker at this year's Screen Actors Guild, where Lee and Jung received the first guild acting trophies



Brian Cox, who earned an Emmy nod, in "Succession." HBO

for a non-English language show.

The long-standing lack

of shows with any dialogue other than English is

demonstrated by NBC's 1980 miniseries "Shogun,"

based on the James Clavell

novel about early 17th-

century Japan. The bilingual

production by a U.S.

studio was a pioneer but

not a trendsetter when it

won the best limited series

Emmy and acting nods.

The nominees for best

comedy series actress are

Rachel Brosnahan, "The

Marvelous Mrs. Maisel";

Quinta Brunson, "Abbott

Elementary"; Kaley Cuoco,

"The Flight Attendant";

Elle Fanning, "The Great";

Issa Rae, "Insecure" and

Jean Smart, "Hacks."

The nominees for actor

in a comedy series are

Donald Glover, "Atlanta";

Bill Hader, "Barry"; Nich-

olas Holt, "The Great";

Jason Sudeikis, "Ted

Lasso"; Steve Martin, "Only

Murders in the Building"

and Martin Short, "Only

Murders in the Building."

The nominees for drama

series actor are Jason

Bateman, "Ozark"; Brian

Cox, "Succession"; Lee

Jung-jae, "Squid Game";

Bob Odenkirk, "Better Call

Saul"; Adam Scott, "Sever-

ance" and Jeremy Strong,

"Succession."

The best drama series

actress nominees are Jodie

Comer, "Killing Eve"; Laura

Linney, "Ozark"; Mel-

anie Lynskey, "Yellowjack-

ets"; Sandra Oh, "Killing

Eve"; Reese Witherspoon,

"The Morning Show" and

Zendaya, "Euphoria."

The limited series nomi-

nees are "Dopesick"; "The

Dropout"; "Inventing

Anna"; "The White Lotus"

and "Pam & Tommy."

The nominees for vari-

ety talk series are "The

Daily Show with Trevor

Noah"; "Jimmy Kimmel

Live"; "Last Week Tonight

with John Oliver"; "Late

Night with Seth Meyers"

and "The Late Show with

Stephen Colbert."

Television Academy

President Frank Scherma

kicked off the nomination

announcement by saying

that a record number of

shows had been submitted,

which reflects that series

production was an all-time

high after being drasti-

cally reduced during the

pandemic.

The Emmy ceremony is

set for Sept. 12 and will air

on NBC, with a host yet to

be announced.

TV REVIEW

Ray Liotta perfectly cast in final TV performance for 'Black Bird'

By Robert Lloyd
Los Angeles Times

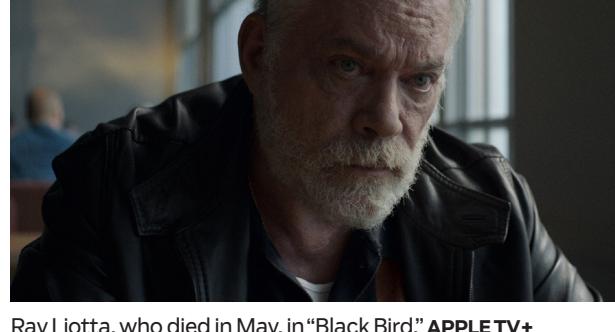
Every episode of "Black Bird" begins with the legend, "The following is inspired by a true story."

These days, TV shows inspired by true stories are a dime a dozen, the cachet attached to something that "really happened," if not exactly as represented by actors speaking invented dialogue, can be a valuable promotional tool.

In this case, however, the notice feels almost necessary, given that the story seems a little nutty even once you've verified the basic facts. While there has evidently been some arrangement of events and sculpting of characters for purposes of dramatic emphasis, the strange basics are true enough: In the 1990s, Jimmy Keene (Taron Egerton), serving a sentence for drug dealing, did go undercover in a prison for the criminally insane in an attempt to elicit incriminating information from suspected serial killer and convicted kidnapper Larry Hall (Paul Walter Hauser), with the promise that success would lead to his freedom.

That the series begins with narration from Keene, about the butterfly effect which will tie his life to that of a young girl seen riding a bicycle through a cornfield, plays almost as an homage to "Goodfellow," whose star, the late Ray Liotta, plays Keene's beloved if problematic father — a former, perhaps slightly bent policeman.

Sentenced to 10 years, while expecting less, Keene is approached after several months by Edmund Beaumont (Robert Wisdom), the prosecutor who put him away, with the aforementioned proposition: Transfer to another prison, get



Ray Liotta, who died in May, in "Black Bird." APPLE TV+

close to Hall, get him to say where the bodies are buried and go free. The authorities are concerned that Hall, whose appeal has been granted, may be released from prison and kill again, inserting a ticking clock into the story. There is some hemming and hawing on Keene's part and semiantagonistic flirty banter with federal agent Lauren McCauley (Sepideh Moafi), who is looking for the sliver of misogyny that Keene might use to connect with Hall. Having passed McCauley's "audition," Keene then finds himself in the United States Medical Facility for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri.

Developed by Dennis Lehane, the show is expertly acted, smartly scripted and intelligently rendered in nearly all its parts, though these parts are arranged in sometimes confusing order. There are digressions as well, including a rather moving sequence recounting a victim's life and compare-and-contrast flashbacks to the childhoods of Keene and Hall.

There is some room provided to wonder whether Hall is actually guilty, but one never actually doubts it. Serial killers are dramatically limited;

they have a single motivation and nowhere to go as characters. But Lehane and Hauser get a surprising lot out of Hall, with speeches that, while not making him out to be an evil genius, are not devoid of insight or poetry. Enough of them are also disgusting, which is the axis on which Keene will turn from a person who cares mostly about himself into a man with a conscience.

Beyond the remarkable subject matter, Liotta's presence — in the first of his posthumous screen appearances — is what makes the series more than usually noteworthy. He's an old lion playing an old lion, still trying to do right by his son and somehow failing and spending much of the series diminished by health problems — a shadow even of the self we meet in his opening scenes, and certainly in Keene's memory. Above all, there is that singular, inborn mix of the rough and the sweet, a softness to his voice, his eyes, that from "Something Wild" on has provided a sort of complicating counter melody to the darker aspects of his less savory roles. That 30 years ago, he could have played the son makes him perfect casting for the father.

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Someone may present you with a get-rich-quick scheme or a business deal, but no matter how good either of these sounds, they might not hold water. If someone pressures you, there's something they're not telling you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

The recognition that you deserve may seem out of reach today. You could be overlooked. In fact, you might even be passed over in favor of someone who hasn't done as much. Even if you must take a back-seat right now, your time is coming. This is just a small bump on your journey to success.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Someone may alert you to a situation that you thought you had a handle on, but you realize you were looking at it with rose-colored glasses. Once you adjust your perspective, looking at it idealistically all this time might have created more work than you'd thought.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

A close relationship may take on a more serious tone at any moment. This might be any relationship where you know things about each other that not everyone knows. Today is an opportunity to see if you want to continue growing together, or if you'd prefer to grow apart.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

A higher standard could be about to become your new current baseline. If you've recently become more popular, watch for people potentially scrutinizing your behavior to see if you will mess up your new responsibilities. You might have hidden enemies

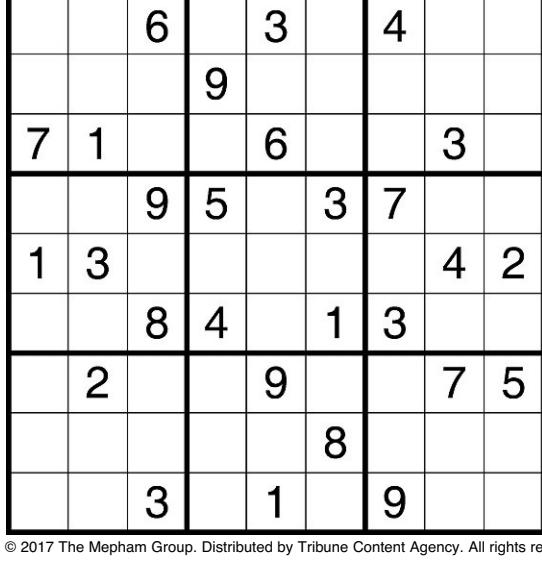
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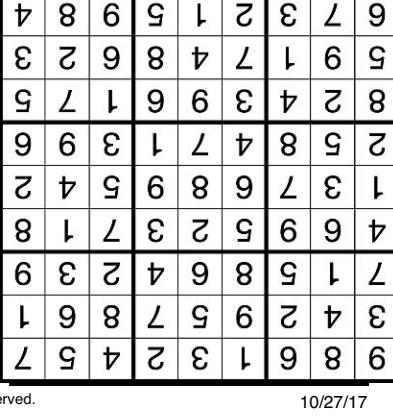
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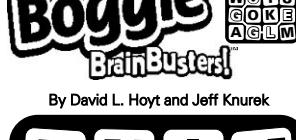
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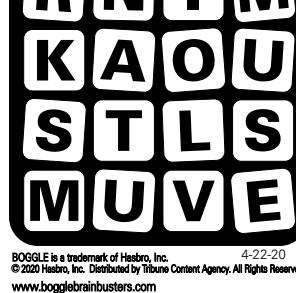
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BOGGLE



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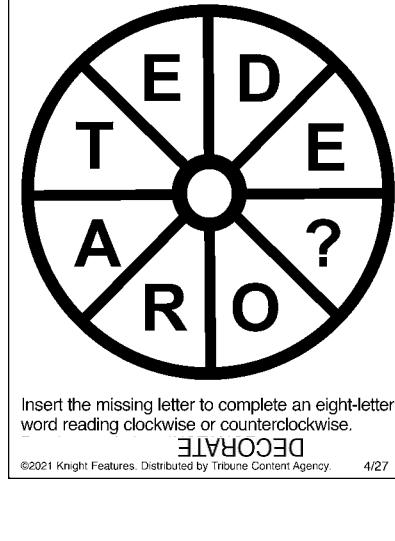
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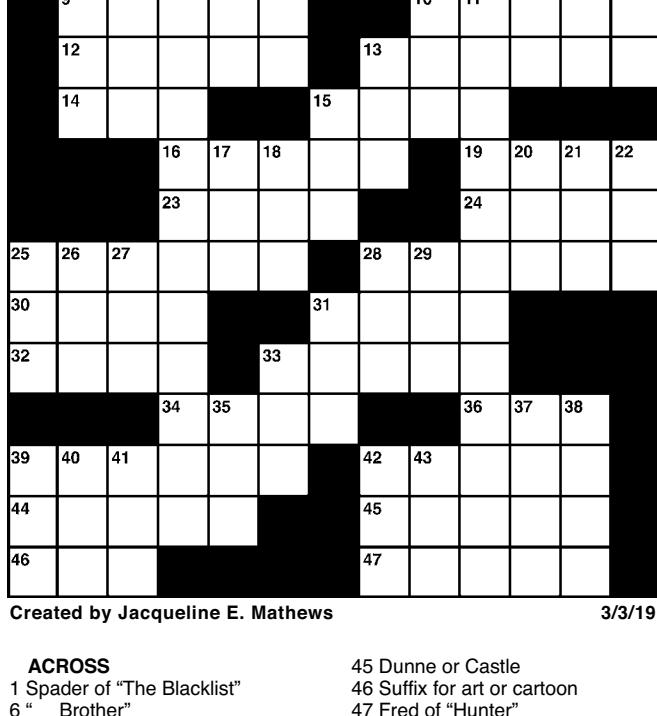
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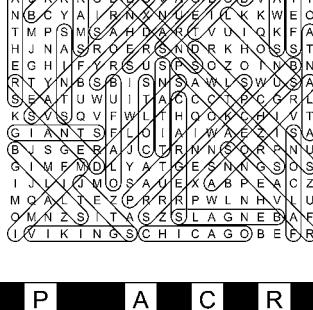
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THE HAPPY KITTY WAS THIS TYPE OF CAT.

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Answer: A " - - - "

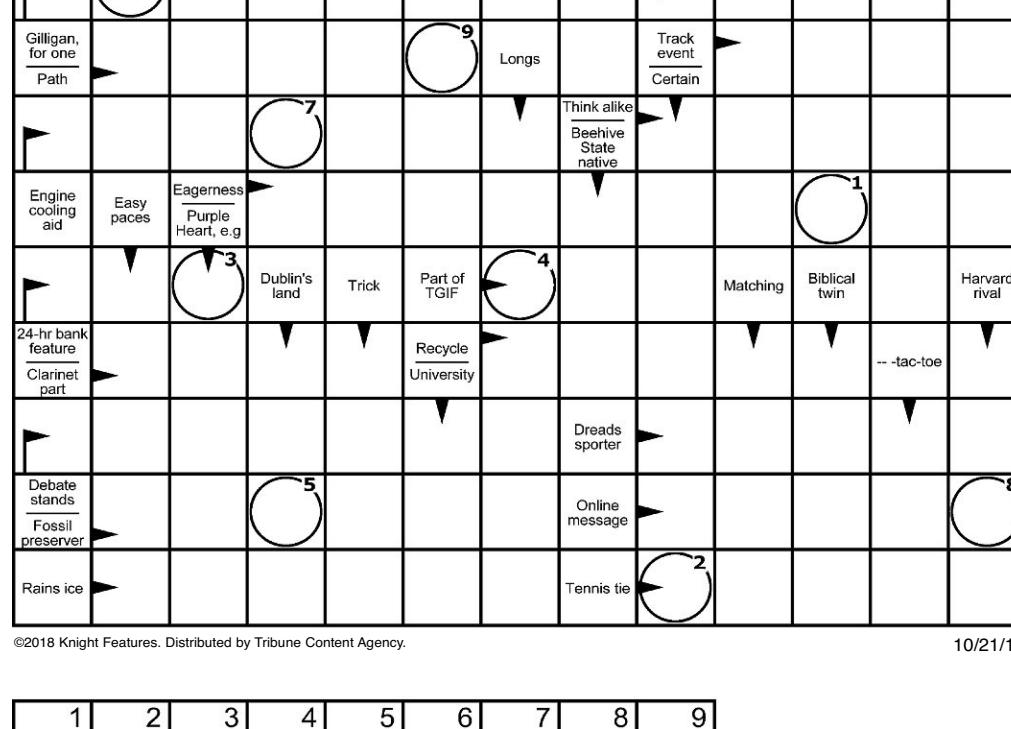
Jumbles: GRAVY INPUT SUPERB HAPPEN

Answer: The happy kitty was this type of cat — A "PURR-SIAN"

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ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

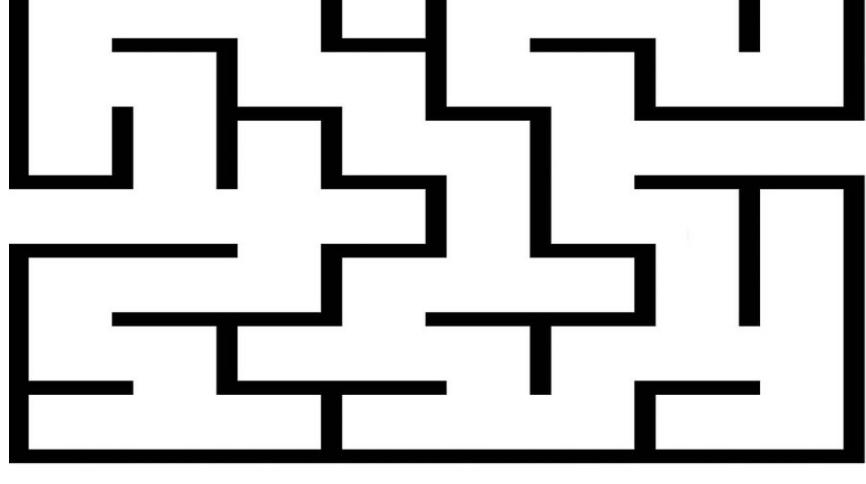


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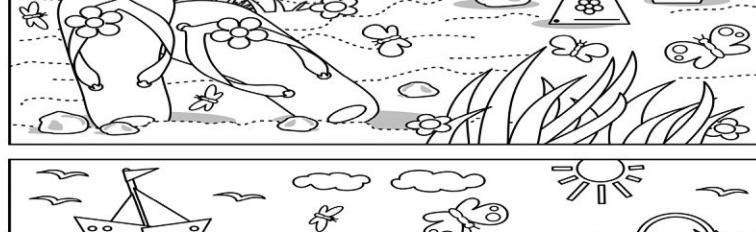
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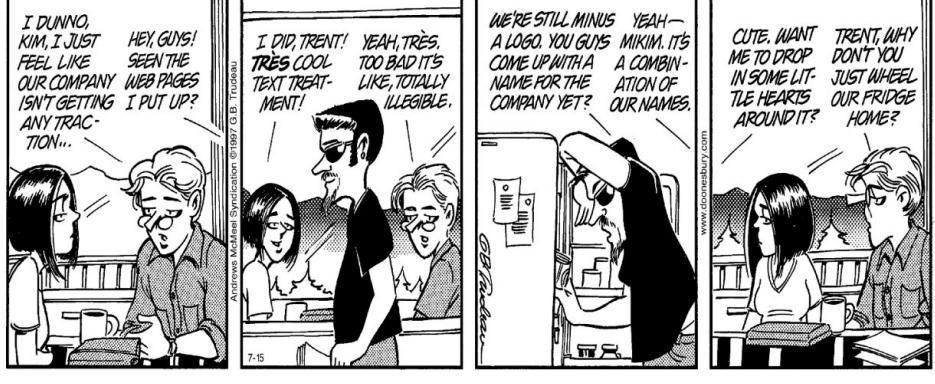
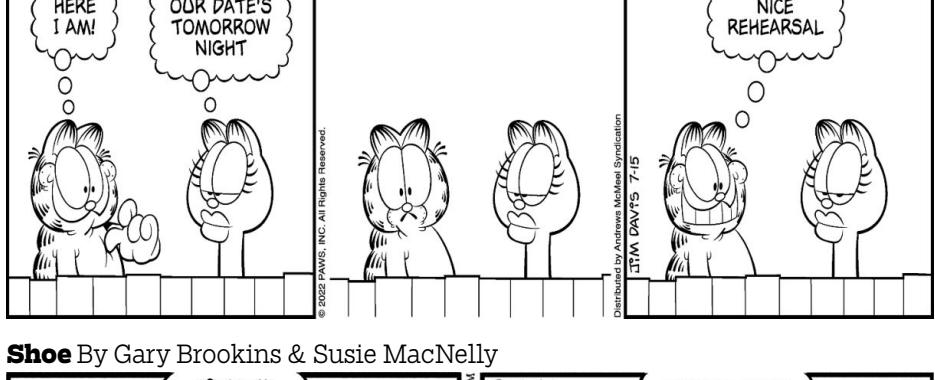
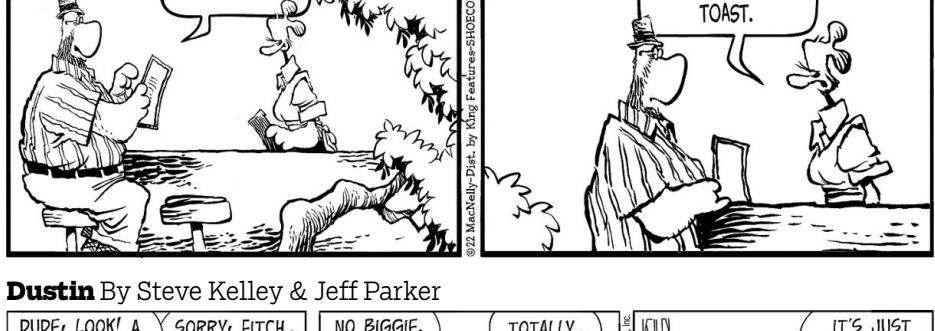
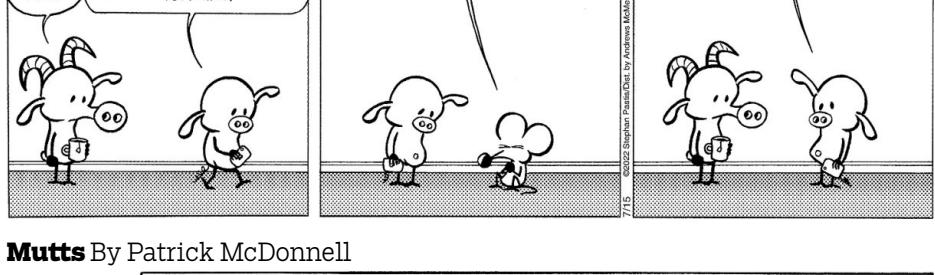
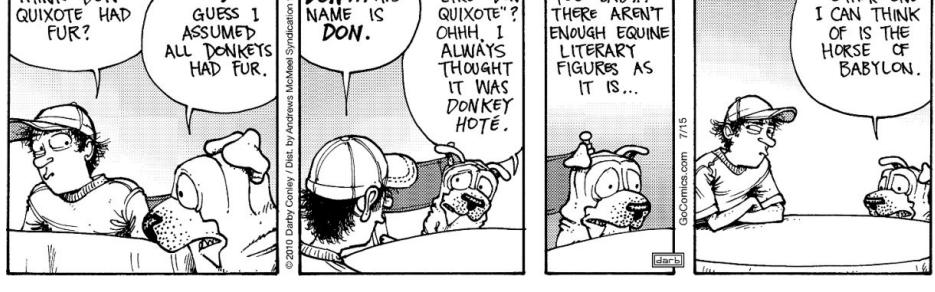
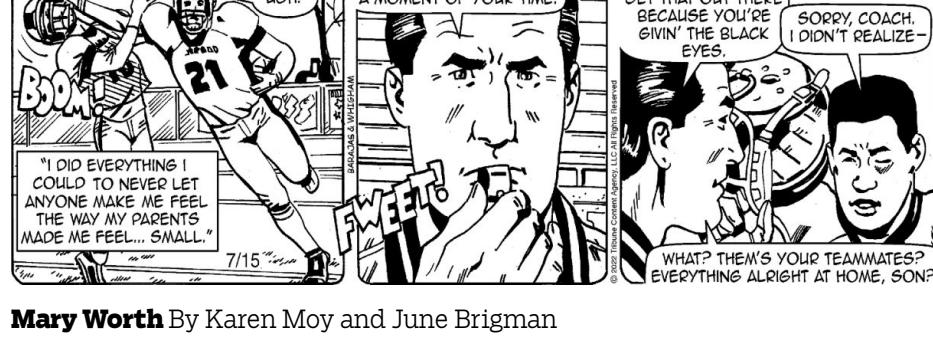
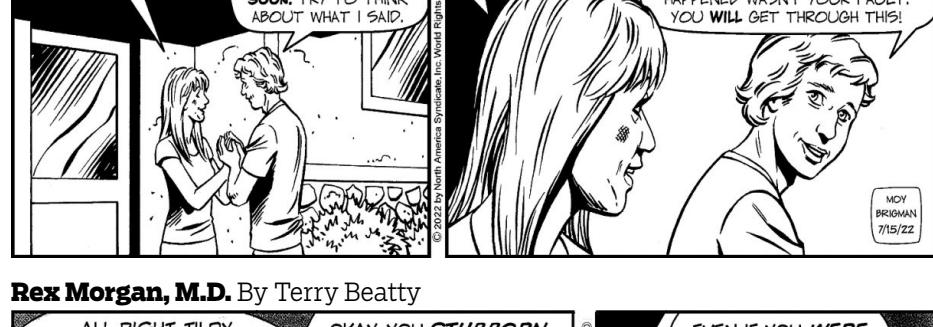
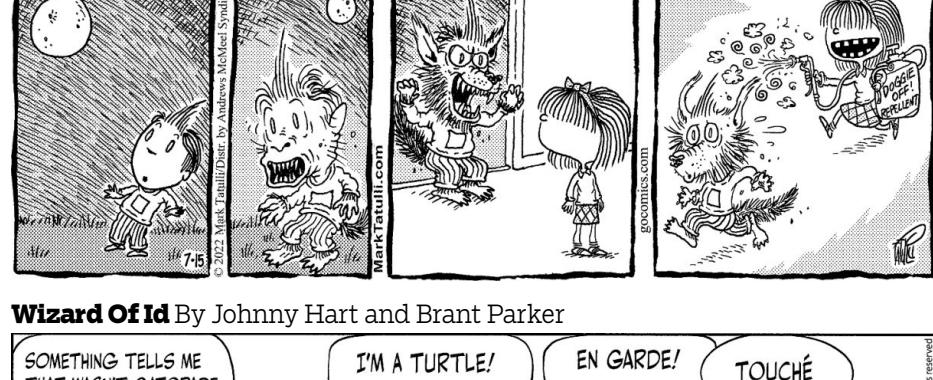
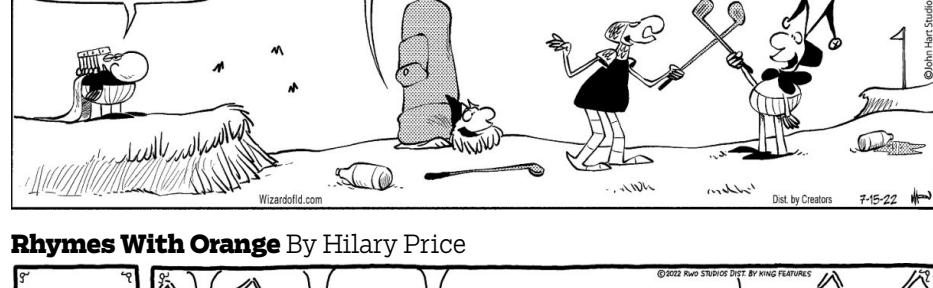
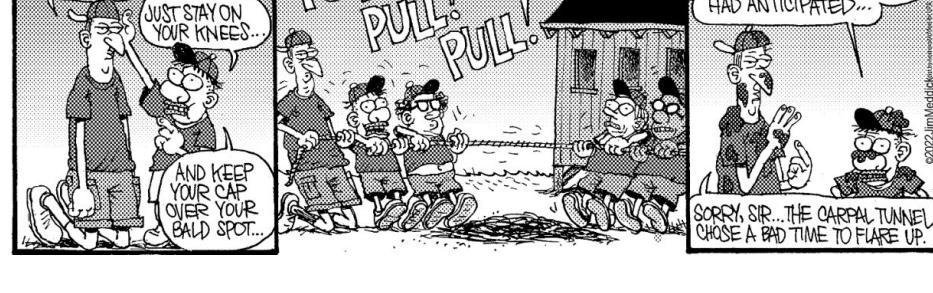
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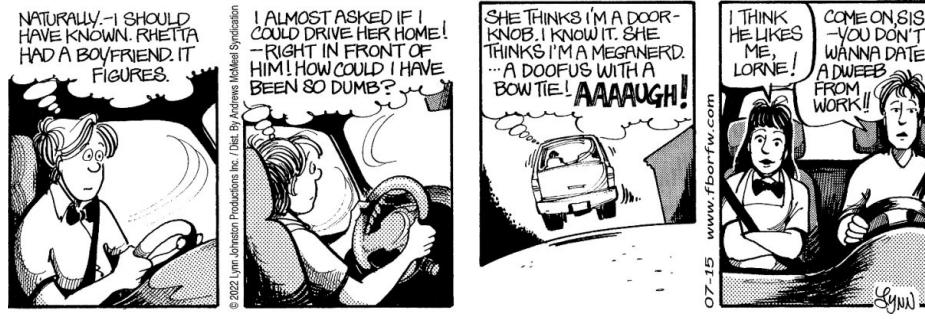
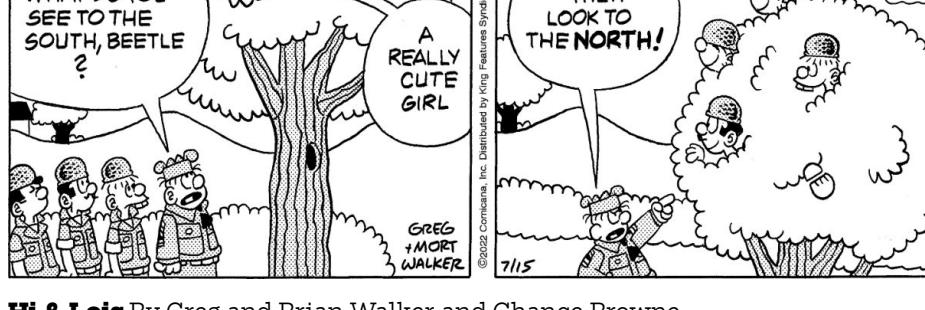
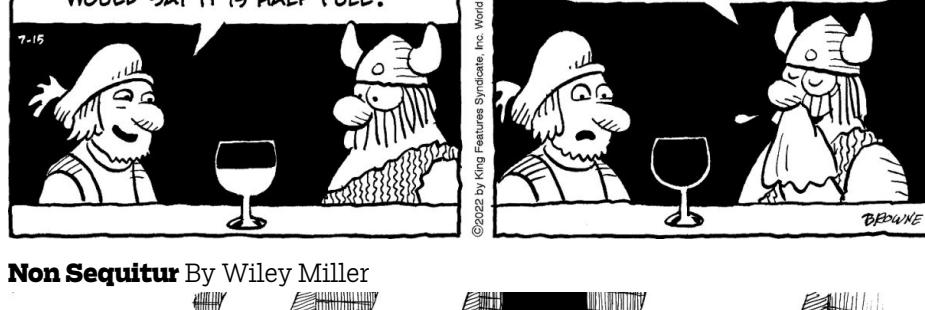
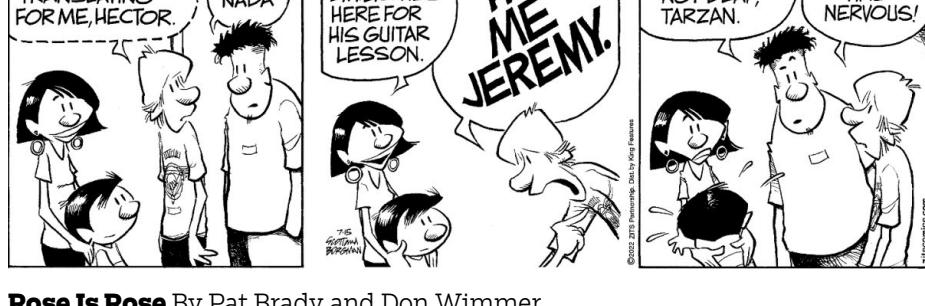
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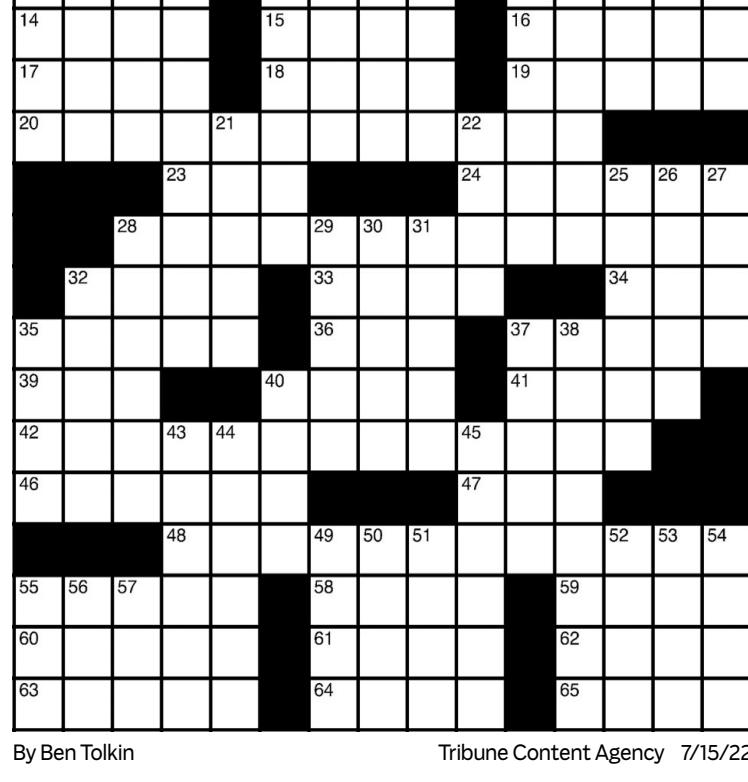
Across

1 Have over
5 "A Land More Kind Than Home" novelist Wiley
9 Mary-in-mourning sculpture
14 1968 self-titled live folk album
15 Baseball family name
16 Cruise stopovers
17 More than a little unkind
18 Dozes off
19 Magazine featuring Pencil Pointers
20 S
23 "Gloria in Excelsis ___"
24 Shelter adoptee
28 C
32 Cornfield cries
33 Total
34 Joe
35 Dilutes
36 "The Street" novelist Petry
37 Thoughts
39 Feel unwell
40 Canine kiss
41 Not too keen
42 B
46 Looking to add staff
47 100%
48 Evolutionary mysteries, and a feature of three clues in this puzzle
55 Swing for the fences
58 Summer hangout
59 Stock exchange membership

60 Tourney format
61 Boo-boo
62 Flooring preference
63 Hatha yoga posture
64 Patches potholes, say
65 Quick cut

Down

1 "Good Omens" actor Jon
2 Cookie with a Cakers variety
3 Balkan native
4 Soft-pedal
5 "1812 Overture" instrument
6 Facial tissue additive
7 Pop
8 Tamale wrapper
9 Milne friend who notes, "It is hard to be brave when you're a Very Small Animal"
10 "It's my call"
11 Blight-stricken tree
12 Bit of concert merch
13 Donkey
21 Sneetches creator
22 Nation that follows the Solar Hijri calendar
25 Caravan mounts
26 Customary
27 Gate postings, briefly
28 "___ Moon": manga series
29 Pull the plug on
30 Light weight
31 Squeals (on)



By Ben Tolkin

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Bidding Quiz**NORTH**

♦ A 85
♥ A 432
♦ A 9
♣ AK Q 3

East

♦ K 9
♦ K Q
♦ K Q 10
♣ 7 4

West

♦ 8 7 5
♣ J 8 6

South

♣ 7

EAST

♦ 9
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 8 7 5 4
♣ J 8 6

SOUTH

♦ K Q J 10 7 2
♥ 6
♦ J 2
♣ 10 9 5 2

This is a double-dummy problem. The contract is Seven Spades, and West leads the ten of hearts.

You may look at all four hands in attempting to find the solution. How would you play the hand?

It might appear that you must have to lose a diamond eventually, but obviously the diamond loser can be avoided; if it couldn't, this hand would not be presented here as a problem.

As usual when you have all the remaining tricks but one, the first thought to pop into your head should be the possibility of a squeeze.

For the squeeze to be successful, one opponent or the other must have two (or three) suits to guard. Since you must assume the clubs will break favorably, the two suits one of the defenders will have to guard are hearts and diamonds.

This presupposes that the hearts are divided 5-3 or 6-2, so that only one of the defenders can guard that suit. You therefore win the heart lead with the ace, ruff a heart and play four rounds of trump to produce this position:

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TOQAU

POGUR

IQLDIU

FEULUS

I'll get the shrimp if you get the clams.

It's a real meal. See you at dinner!

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MOUTH WEARY COFFEE FIRMLY

Answer: The Romans held meetings in the public square because it was a great — FORUM FOR 'EM

TODAY'S SUDOKU

	2							
8		7	5	6		9		
5		8				4		
5	6							
4			3	2				
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3	7	8	4			9		
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

2	5	7	3	1	8	4	9	6
3	4	9	7	2	6	5	8	1
1	6	8	9	4	5	2	7	3
5	8	4	1	6	7	3	2	9
6	9	3	4	5	2	8	1	7
7	2	1	8	3	9	6	5	4
4	3	5	2	7	1	9	6	8
9	1	2	6	8	3	7	4	5
8	7	6	5	9	4	1	3	2

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

B	O	W	S	A	P	S	F	L	A	S	K
E	D	I	T	S	E	L	E	E	R	I	E
T	I	N	Y	T	R	U	E	V	E	R	Y
A	N	D	M	A	R	K	S	T	U	D	Y
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RED SOX

Devers, Bogaerts have a fan in Sox legend Ortiz

By Steve Hewitt

Boston Herald

If David Ortiz had it his way, Xander Bogaerts and Rafael Devers would be staying with the Red Sox for a long time.

The two All-Stars' futures remain uncertain. Bogaerts can opt out of his contract after this season, Devers can become a free agent after the 2023 season, and neither has seemingly come close to agreeing to a contract extension.

On Thursday, Ortiz was outspoken again as he urged the Red Sox to find a way to keep their home-

grown stars.

"I know what to expect from those guys," Ortiz said during a Zoom call ahead of his Hall of Fame induction next week.

"I know exactly what I'm going to get from the two of them. ... They are the best players that can represent the Red Sox better than anybody else as of right now, and we need to lock them in."

Ortiz cited both Bogaerts and Devers' high level of success in a tough market like Boston as a reason why they need to be kept.

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Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts, left, and third baseman Rafael Devers receive their Silver Slugger Awards before a game against the Angels on May 4 at Fenway Park in Boston. **WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP**

RED SOX

Pitching prospect Groome earns promotion to Triple-A Worcester

By Steve Hewitt

Boston Herald

Another highly ranked Red Sox starting pitching prospect is moving up.

Jay Groome, ranked as the Red Sox' No. 13 prospect by Baseball America, was promoted to Triple-A Worcester on Thursday. Groome had made 17 starts with Double-A Portland — three at the end of 2021, 14 this season — before the call-up as the highly-touted prospect inches closer to the majors.

Groome was the Red Sox' first-round pick in 2016 (No. 12 overall) but injuries slowed

his development. He underwent Tommy John surgery in 2018, returned in 2019 before the minor league season was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. He finally played a full season in 2021.

Groome posted a 3.52 ERA over 76 2/3 innings this season in Portland before his promotion, as the left-hander has experienced increased confidence in his secondary pitches this season. He's working on putting lefties away with his slider and trying to play his changeup more in the strike zone to induce weak

Turn to Sox, Page 2

YANKEES

Second-half pitching depth may again be a concern

By Kristie Ackert

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Luis Severino walking off the field Wednesday night after just two innings was a red flag. The Yankees right-hander had pitched so well through the first half of the season that it was easy to forget he had lost most of the last three seasons to injuries. It was easy to push aside the idea that the Yankees rotation was going to have to go through some changes in the second half.

But Wednesday night, that came back to the forefront.

Severino left Wednesday night's game with "tightness" in his right shoulder. He was examined by a team doctor during the game and was to undergo an MRI on Thursday. The 28-year-old, who has been through a torn lat muscle, Tommy John surgery, a groin strain and some shoulder tightness over the last three years, was optimistic that this is something that "hopefully won't take too long."

Still, the Yankees are at the point of the season where they will have to make some decisions. They have a rotation that is starting to show some wear and tear with a combined 6.72 ERA through the last turn and the trade deadline just over two weeks from now. They went into the season knowing they would need pitching depth to get through the year and felt fairly confident that their younger pitchers could step in and fill big roles.

Now, they need to decide if they are willing to gamble their season on the pitching depth they have, or bring in reinforcements.

They'll get an up-close look at the top of the market in Reds right-hander Luis Castillo on Thursday, who will likely be the prize of the trade market when the deadline closes on Aug. 2, when he starts the series finale against them at the Stadium. He will likely be at the center of some heated bidding as the deadline pulls closer and not high on the Yankees' priority

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NBA SUMMER LEAGUE



Former UConn guard R.J. Cole hopes to make an impression with the Lakers as he competes for a roster spot in the NBA's summer league. **NICK WASS/AP**

Season of chance

Former UConn guard Cole looks to prove he belongs in NBA as he suits up for Lakers

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

All season long, R.J. Cole kept his emotions in check — until his final moments as a Husky. Despite scoring a team-high 20 points and dishing out four assists, the UConn men's basketball team was upset in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The fifth-seeded Huskies lost 70-63 to No. 12 New Mexico State in Buffalo.

After the game, the UConn guard appeared emotionless as he walked off the court. But as he entered an empty hallway outside the locker room, Cole sat down and tears began streaming down his face.

"I was definitely very shocked we went out that way," Cole said. "It hurt more than anything. I probably didn't show my face for the next week or two on campus, honestly. It was just that hard knowing we got to that point and

just crumbled like that."

The 6-foot-1 guard from Union, New Jersey, had just finished a tremendous season. He averaged 18.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, 4.4 assists and earned All-Big East First Team honors. Cole knew long before the stunning first-round exit that the 2021-22 season would be his last in UConn navy blue and white.

"I wouldn't say I thought about coming back, but it did leave a bad taste in my mouth the fact we lost in the first round," he said. "Ultimately, I knew it was time for me to take my next step and try to make a pro career."

Cole, who spent the first two years of his college career at Howard University, fondly remembers his two years with the Huskies, even as he describes last

season as bittersweet. UConn had hoped to make a run to the Sweet 16 or Elite Eight. Still, despite not making it that far, the team accomplished quite a bit.

"My favorite memory is just being a team that put UConn back on the map," Cole said. "UConn was in the dark ages for a little bit. Then, being able to be that team that put us back in the NCAA tournament two years in a row, I know we didn't win either game, but just to be back in the national conversation."

As Cole embarks on his professional journey, he wouldn't change a thing about his time with the Huskies.

"I love UConn nation," he said.

Turn to Cole, Page 6

BRITISH OPEN

Rookie grabs lead, Woods struggles in first round

By Doug Ferguson

Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — The Old Course was never faster. The pace of play was never slower.

The celebrated start Thursday of the 150th British Open gave way to Cameron Young making his debut with an 8-under 64 for a two-shot lead over Rory McIlroy, and Tiger Woods making what could be his last competitive appearance at St. Andrews a short one.

His score would indicate as

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much. Woods began his round by hitting out of a divot into the Swilcan Burn for a double bogey. He ended it by taking three putts through the Valley of Sin for a par and a 78, his second-worst score in his Open career.

Woods will try to avoid leav-

ing early from St. Andrews for the second straight time.

"Looks like I'm going to have to shoot 66 tomorrow to have a chance," Woods said.

"Guys did it today. And that's my responsibility tomorrow is to go ahead and do it — need to do it."

Young and McIlroy didn't have to contend with as much wind in the morning, though St. Andrews has seen far stronger gusts over its centuries of golf. Throw in the

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Tiger Woods is in danger of missing the cut after shooting a 6-over 78 in the opening round of the British Open on Thursday. **GERALD HERBERT/AP**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Yankees, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Yankees, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Yankees, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Yankees: Red Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.; Red Sox, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Red Sox, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Mets: at Cubs, Friday, 2 p.m.; at Cubs, Saturday, 2 p.m.; at Cubs, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Yard Goats: Harrisburg, Friday, 7 p.m.; Harrisburg, Saturday, 6 p.m.; Harrisburg, Sunday, 1 p.m.

Sun: at Dream, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Aces, Sunday, 1 p.m.; New York, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Hartford Athletic: at Charleston, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Pittsburgh, July 23, 7 p.m.; at Rio Grande, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

5 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Crayon 200, Qualifying. (Live) USA

6:30 p.m.: NASCAR Racing Whelen Modified Tour - Jersey Shore 150. (Taped) USA

10 p.m.: NHRA Drag Racing Dodge Power Brokers Mile-High Nationals, Qualifying. (Same-day Tape) FS1

BASEBALL

2 p.m.: New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880

7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live), Amazon Prime Video, NESN. Radio: 1080, 97.9

7 p.m.: Kansas City Royals at Toronto Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET

7 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

7 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live) NESN

BASKETBALL

4:30 p.m.: Chicago Bulls vs Charlotte Hornets. (Taped) NBA

5 p.m.: Los Angeles Clippers vs Utah Jazz. (Live) ESPN2

6 p.m.: Philadelphia 76ers vs Denver Nuggets. (Live) NBA

7 p.m.: WNBA: Minnesota Lynx at Indiana Fever. (Live) CBSSN

7 p.m.: Oklahoma City Thunder vs Golden State Warriors. (Live) ESPN

7:30 p.m.: Connecticut Sun at Atlanta Dream. (Live), NESN+

8 p.m.: Sacramento Kings vs Phoenix Suns. (Live) NBA

9 p.m.: Indiana Pacers vs Washington Wizards. (Live) ESPN2

10 p.m.: Miami Heat vs Toronto Raptors. (Live) NBA

11 p.m.: Los Angeles Lakers vs New Orleans Pelicans. (Live) ESPN2

BICYCLING

3 p.m.: 2022 Tour de France Stage 13. (Same-day Tape) USA

BOXING

9 p.m.: Top Rank Boxing. (Live) ESPN

2 a.m.: Top Rank Boxing. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2

FOOTBALL

11:30 p.m.: Greater Western Sydney Giants vs Brisbane Lions. (Live) FS1

11:30 p.m.: Adelaide Crows vs Collingwood Magpies. (Live) FSP

GOLF

1 p.m.: Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Third Round. (Live) GOLF

6 p.m.: Barracuda Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF

RUGBY

2:30 p.m.: St. Helens vs Huddersfield Giants. (Live) FSP

SOCER

2:30 p.m.: UEFA Women's EURO 2022 Austria vs Norway. (Live) ESPN2

7:50 p.m.: 2022 Copa América Femenina Peru vs Venezuela. (Live) FS1

TRACK AND FIELD

8 p.m.: World Athletics Championships. (Live) USA

YARD GOATS 9, SENATORS 4

Former UConn star Cate gets rough greeting from Goats

HARTFORD — It wasn't exactly the type of homecoming Tim Cate had in mind.

The former Cheney Tech-Manchester and UConn star got the start for the Harrisburg Senators on Thursday night and was roughed up by the Hartford Yard Goats' offense, which got to the lefthander (0-1) for six runs on nine hits in three innings. Hartford won the Eastern League game 9-4 at Dunkin' Donuts Park.

The Senators jumped out to an early lead on Justin Connell's first-inning two-run home run. Hartford came back with a run in the first on Aaron Schunk's RBI single and then took the lead with a four-run second as Hunter Stovall delivered the key blow with a three-run home run.

Isaac Collins had three hits and an RBI and Kyle Datres added an RBI for the Yard Goats (51-33) who have now moved back over .500 in the second half at 8-7.

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"They know how to handle it," Ortiz said. "They know how it is to play in Boston. Trust me, playing in Boston is not for every type of player. I played there for so long and it's a distraction for a lot of players. They don't know how to handle it."

"I played with a lot of superstars and they're great somewhere else, but when they got to Boston they struggled because they couldn't put up with what is going on out there. These two guys, they grew up there. You know what to expect from them. You know what they're going to give you, so that's why sometimes I don't understand how come organizations sometimes walk away from that and prefer to explore some other options."

"I would go with what I know."

Ortiz played four seasons with Bogaerts, but while he never played with Devers, he has a strong appreciation for the star third baseman and fellow Dominican.

When he watches Devers, Ortiz is even reminded of himself.

"One-hundred percent, when I see Devers, it's like I never left [the game], you know what I'm saying?" Ortiz said. "Because he's fearless. This kid, at such an early age, he looks invincible out there. Everything is going really good for him..."

"I had a conversation with some of the major leaguers, and we definitely agree on the same thing: Devers might be one of the top three purest hitters in the game right now, in my mind. I'm 100 percent sure because I watch that kid hitting and playing the game so many times that when I watch him, I'm expecting something..."

"I hope the Red Sox make sense about the decision they have to make with him. We have to keep Devers around, man. He's the face of that organization right now and nobody can argue that."

Ortiz sang a similar tune about Bogaerts in May, when he said "it would be stupid to let a guy like that go."

"That guy is a keeper," Ortiz said at

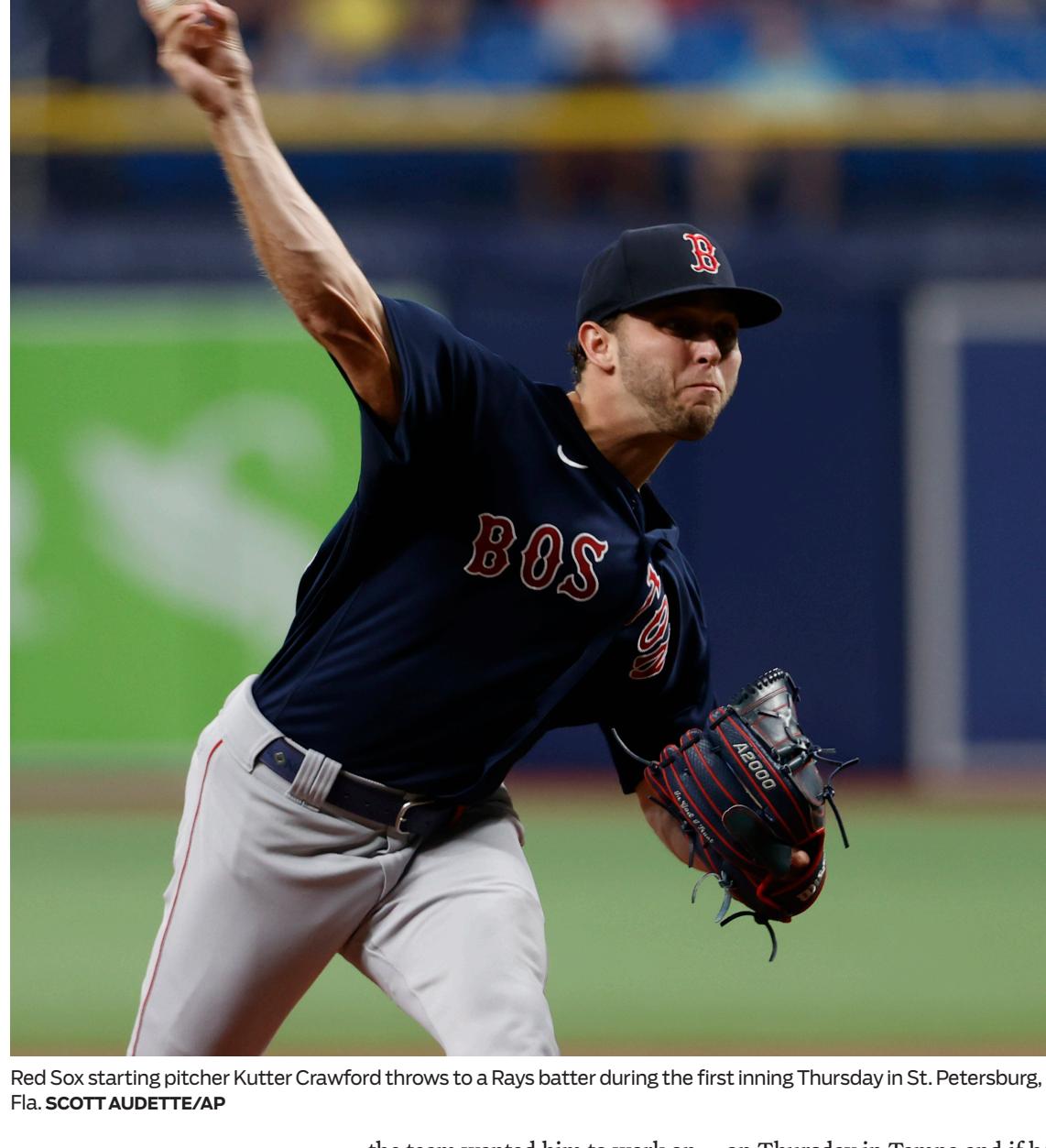
his charity golf tournament."

Believe it or not, I don't want to hear the BS that there's somebody else out there in the market better. I know what I'm getting from Bogaert."

Ortiz's comments came a day after Red Sox principal owner John Henry opened up in the Boston Globe about talks with Devers and Bogaerts, saying there's a mutual desire from both the club and players to reach a long-term deal, but he also issued a reminder that it hasn't always worked out over his last two decades owning the franchise.

"It takes two to make a deal," Henry told the Globe. "I think it's clear both of them want to be here. We want them here. We made efforts in the past to try to sign players that we weren't able to sign. It's not 100 percent our fault when we don't end up signing a player."

"It's our job to try to sign the right players. Frankly, over the last 20 years we haven't done it [every time], so we've had to break teams up."



Red Sox starting pitcher Kutter Crawford throws to a Rays batter during the first inning Thursday in St. Petersburg, Fla. SCOTT AUDETTE/AP

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contact.

The results have clearly been encouraging as it warranted a midseason call-up.

"It's just going out there and proving to himself that he can continue to do that and work at a high level," Double-A pitching coach Lance Carter said last month. "He's on a mission, and he really is focused. I think last year was a big builder of that."

Winckowski positive for COVID-19: After making his seventh start of the season in Wednesday's loss, Josh Winckowski tested positive for COVID-19. The Red Sox called up lefty reliever Darwinzon Hernandez to fill his spot on the roster.

Hernandez, a bullpen regular from 2019-21, has yet to make an appearance for the Red Sox this season. He was surprisingly sent to Worcester to start the season as

the team wanted him to work on his command issues, then he had surgery in May to repair a torn right meniscus. But since returning in early July, the lefty has pitched well. In 3 1/3 innings over four appearances with Worcester, he didn't allow a run as he struck out six and walked two.

"He's been throwing the ball well," Red Sox manager Alex Cora told reporters in Tampa. "[Triple-A] pitching coach Paul Abbott is very pleased with the progress. His delivery has been clean for a while. Obviously he had surgery and all that stuff, but they feel like he's been very direct to the plate and he's been consistent with it. The stuff is always there, it's a matter of him being consistent in the strike zone and so far, so good."

Odds and ends: It doesn't seem

like Trevor Story, who left Tuesday's loss with a right hand contusion after being hit by a pitch, will need to go to the injured list. Cora told reporters that Story was going to take grounders and throw

on Thursday in Tampa and if he continues to improve, the hope is he will return Saturday and Sunday against the Yankees. ... Garrett Whitlock and Nathan Eovaldi are both likely to be activated Friday for this weekend's Yankees series in New York, with Eovaldi slated to start the opener. Nick Pivetta will start Saturday and Chris Sale is scheduled to start Sunday's finale before the All-Star break....

Could Andrew Benintendi end up back in the American League East this season? If so, it doesn't appear it will be with the Yankees.

Benintendi — who was just named to his first All-Star team — has been a popular name in the trade rumor mill, but according to the New York Post's Jon Heyman, the former Red Sox outfielder is unlikely to be dealt to the Yankees because he's unvaccinated against COVID-19.

The Yankees play three more regular-season games in Toronto and could play the Blue Jays in the playoffs. Canadian law requires vaccination in order to enter the country.

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humps and mounds and difficult pin positions, and the Old Course held its own.

"It's the fiddliest Open that I've played. It's the only way I can really describe it," McIlroy said.

Good scores were available, and 54 players broke par, 26 of them with rounds in the 60s.

Still, nothing tested the patience like the constant waiting. By late afternoon, the rounds were taking just over six hours. They waited on the tee and in the fairway, and it didn't help with so many players looking for the best angles to tight pins and playing to the left into other fairways.

"It's the way the golf course is set up. It's how firm it is," U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick said after his 72. "The way the golf course is designed ... to get better angles and better lines, you've got to hit across all the fairways. There's nothing you can do unfortunately about it. It's just sad more than anything. It's just ridiculous."

Young was a surprise leader only

because it's his first time competing on an Open links. He has had one of the better rookie seasons on the PGA Tour, and the 25-year-old New Yorker isn't the least bit daunted by the stage. Just two months ago, he contended into the final hour of the PGA Championship until finishing one shot out of a playoff.

Young played smartly and took advantage of the birdie chances. He reached 7 under through 12 holes with the wind helping on the inward nine. He missed two good chances, finished with a birdie and most importantly kept bogeys off his card.

"I don't think that I played a perfect round of golf," Young said. "I scored really well. And I think we thought our way around the way you have to out there."

Young figures he knows only a fraction of the secrets to Old Course — no one ever really figures it all out with so many conditions on the ground and in the air — and there was one occasion on the par-5 fifth when he looked at his note in the yardage book: "Hard left is better than right." He went left and made birdie.

"We did stuff like that a few times today," Young said.

Players Championship winner Cameron Smith and English qualifier Robert Dinwiddie each had a 67. Dinwiddie had the best score of the afternoon, when the wind was at its strongest. The large group at 66 included Masters champion Scottie Scheffler, Dustin Johnson and even Barclay Brown, the English amateur who plays at Stanford.

Xander Schauffele, coming off his second straight win last week, was in the group a 69.

Scheffler tried to explain just how fast the links were playing by suggesting the ball was rolling faster on the fairways than on the greens. Then he realized that actually was the case. It gets that way at St. Andrews when the ground is crispy and the Open comes to the gray, old town.

"They are? I'm glad I'm not losing my mind," Scheffler said.

McIlroy looked free as ever at St. Andrews, his first time back for the Open since 2010. His game is in good shape and he piled up five birdies through 12 holes, with only one careless play that led to his

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list.

But they need to think about bolstering their pitching depth.

The Yankees felt they were deep in pitching at the start of the season when they had Luis Gil, who had been brilliant in his debut last season, Deivi Garcia, Clarke Schmidt and JP Sears in spring training. Since then, their depth has been thinned out. Gil was lost to Tommy John surgery in May. Sears has been in the Yankees bullpen, giving them 3.1 innings Wednesday night before being optioned back to Triple-A to give the Yankees a fresh arm in the bullpen. Garcia has not been able to figure it out in Triple-A and has dropped off the radar.

Wade brought back: The Yankees have brought back Tyler Wade. The utility player who was designated for assignment by the Angels last week was reacquired by the Bombers on Thursday, a source confirmed. The Yankees had dealt him to Anaheim in December when they needed to make room on their 40-man roster for younger prospects.

Wade, 28, played in 67 games, 48 starts, with the Angels this season playing all three outfield positions and everything in the infield except first base and catcher. In a career-high 163 plate appearances this season, Wade hit just .218/.272/.272 with an .544 OPS and one home run.

A fourth-round pick of the Yankees in 2013, Wade will report to Triple-A Scranton, giving the Yankees some defensive depth if needed.

METS

DeGrom completes 4-inning rehab start

By Deesha Thosar

New York Daily News

CHICAGO — Jacob deGrom passed another big test Thursday. Now, his first major

BASEBALL**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	62	26	.705	—	—	5-5	W-1	35-10	27-16
Tampa Bay	48	40	.545	14	+1 ½	6-4	W-3	28-17	20-23
Boston	47	42	.528	15 ½	—	3-7	L-3	23-20	24-22
Toronto	47	42	.528	15 ½	—	3-7	W-2	27-18	20-24
Baltimore	45	44	.506	17 ½	2	10-0	W-10	25-17	20-27
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	49	41	.544	—	—	5-5	W-1	26-19	23-22
Cleveland	43	44	.494	4 ½	3	3-7	L-2	22-19	21-25
Chicago	43	45	.489	5	3 ½	5-5	W-2	19-25	24-20
Detroit	37	52	.416	11 ½	10	5-5	L-1	23-24	14-28
Kansas City	35	53	.398	13	11 ½	6-4	W-1	19-27	16-26
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	57	30	.655	—	—	7-3	L-1	27-12	30-18
Seattle	47	42	.528	11	—	10-0	W-10	24-20	23-22
Texas	41	45	.477	15 ½	4 ½	4-6	W-1	21-22	20-23
Los Angeles	39	50	.438	19	8	2-8	W-1	22-24	17-26
Oakland	30	60	.333	28 ½	17 ½	4-6	L-1	11-31	19-29

BOX SCORES**MIAMI 3, PITTSBURGH 2 (11)**

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	Avg
Newman	2b	3	0	0	0	.267
Hayes	3b	3	0	1	0	.251
Chavis	1b	4	0	0	2	.232
c-VanMeter	1b	1	0	0	0	.191
Tsutsugo	d	5	2	1	0	.382
Castillo	rf	4	0	1	0	.209
1-Suwinski	pr-f1	0	0	0	0	.198
Gamel	lf	4	0	1	2	.249
Marisnick	cf	4	0	1	0	.222
Cruz	ss	4	0	1	0	.212
Delay	c	2	0	0	1	.292
a-Vogelbach	ph1	0	0	0	1	.232
Perez	c	1	0	0	0	.150
TOTALS		37	2	6	1	.16
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	Avg
Berti	2b	0	0	0	0	.271
Wendle	2b-ss	3	0	2	1	.279
Rojas	ss	4	0	1	0	.246
Cooper	1b	1	0	0	0	.295
Aguilar	1b-3b	4	1	0	0	.248
Garcia	dh	5	1	1	0	.232
Anderson	3b-2b4	0	1	2	.253	
Fortes	c	4	0	1	0	.273
De La Cruz	rf	4	0	0	1	.212
Williams	lf	4	0	1	0	.273
Hamilton	cf	2	1	0	1	.143
b-Sanchez	ph-cf1	0	0	0	0	.205
TOTALS		36	3	9	3	.4
Pittsburgh	000 000 010 012 2 6 0					
Miami	000 010 000 002 3 4					

No outs when winning run scored. a-struck out for De Jong in the 7th. b-walked for Hamilton in the 8th. c-lined out for Chavis in the 10th. ran for Castillo in the 8th. E: Anderson (8). LOB: Pittsburgh 12, Miami 10. 2B: Tsutsugo (2), Gamel (12), Wendle (9), 3B: Hayes (3), Anderson (1). RBIs: Gamel (22), Wendle (16), Anderson (2). SB: Berti (28), Newman (2). CS: Cruz (2), Williams (2). Runners left in scoring position: Pittsburgh 7 (Chavis, Tsutsugo 2, Perez, Marisnick, Cruz, Gamel); Miami 4 (Sanchez, Aguilar, 2, Rojas). RISP: Pittsburgh 1 for 15; Miami 3 for 15.

Runners moved up: Marisnick, Hayes, Suwinski, Rojas, Wendale. GIDP: Garcia. DP: Pittsburgh 2 (Cruz, Newman, Chavis; Hayes, Perez, Chavis).

PITTSBURGH IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Thompson 6 4 1 1 3 2 .409
De Jong 1 2 0 0 1 0 2 .212
Underwood Jr. 1 2 0 0 1 2 4.21
Banuelos 1 0 0 0 0 0 12.27
Crowe L-3,6,BS-2,6 0 2 2 1 0 0 .338

MIAMI IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Fedde 5 4 1 0 1 2 .473
Soto 4 1 1 0 1 2 .473
Feder 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 .473
Torres 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 .473
Seldaw, S-12 14 2 1 2 0 3 .260

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Fedde, L-5 7 5 6 2 3 1 .491

Devers 5 6 2 0 0 0 1 .298

Wheeler 5 6 2 0 0 0 1 .298

Devers 5 6 2 0 0 0 1 .298

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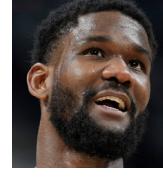
SHORTS

Palat joins Devils on 5-year contract



A day after the Devils missed out on the top prize in NHL free agency, they landed two-time Stanley Cup champion Ondrej Palat on Thursday. The Devils signed Palat to a five-year, \$30 million contract. The left-winger had 52 points in 71 games during the Lightning's three consecutive trips to the Cup Final. He finished sixth in Conn Smythe Trophy voting as playoff MVP this year. The Lightning attempted to keep the 31-year-old from Czechia and defenseman Jan Rutta, who signed with the Penguins, but couldn't make the salary cap numbers work. Instead, GM Julien BriseBois signed defensemen Mikhail Sergachev and Erik Cernak and center Anthony Cirelli to eight-year extensions through 2031. The Devils landed Palat after losing the Johnny Gaudreau sweepstakes to the Blue Jackets. In other notable moves Thursday, the Senators re-signed restricted free agent forward Josh Norris to an eight-year, \$63.6 million contract. Norris, 23, was the Senators' leading goal scorer last season with 35 goals while also posting 20 assists.

Suns match offer sheet for Ayton



The Suns matched the Pacers' four-year, \$133 million offer sheet for restricted free agent Deandre Ayton, his agent told ESPN on Thursday night. With the No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 NBA draft now returning to the Suns, Ayton won't be eligible for a trade until Jan. 15 and he will have full veto rights on any deal for a calendar year. Ayton — who turns 24 later this month — had a shaky start but became a critical component in the Suns' run to the 2021 NBA Finals. The Suns also won a league-best and franchise record 64 games last season. The athletic 6-foot-11 Ayton is powerful in the low post and has developed a strong mid-range game. He averaged 17.2 points and 10.2 rebounds per game last season while shooting 63.4% from the field and 36.8% on 3s. Ayton was suspended 25 games without pay by the league in 2019 after testing positive for a diuretic. He also was benched for part of Game 7 of the team's second-round loss to the Mavs last season after exchanging words with coach Monty Williams. Still, he's popular with his Suns teammates.

Mickelson explains dinner absence



All dressed in black, Phil Mickelson walked out onto the first tee at the Old Course with only a few hundred fans watching nearby. His golf week was about to begin — a few days later than normal for a British Open champion at St. Andrews. Mickelson said after finishing his opening round on even-par 72 on Thursday that he didn't attend the champions' dinner Tuesday because the R&A told him the club didn't "think it's a great idea you go." The 52-year-old Mickelson is among the players who have angered the the golf establishment by joining LIV Golf, the Saudi-funded breakaway series. "The R&A contacted me a couple weeks before and said, 'We don't think it's a great idea you go, but if you want, you can.' I didn't want to make a big deal about it, so I said, 'Fine,'" Mickelson said. "We both agreed that it would be best if I didn't." Two-time Open champ Greg Norman, the CEO of LIV Golf, was asked not to come to the dinner because it might be a distraction. Louis Oosthuizen, the 2010 champ at St. Andrews, another LIV golfer was there, however.

— AP



The Blue Jackets improved their chances of getting back to the playoffs with the signing of winger Johnny Gaudreau on Wednesday. AP FILE

NHL FREE AGENCY OPENING DAY WINNERS AND LOSERS

Early risers set the tone

No guarantees but handful of teams take big steps with deals

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

Judging success and failure in NHL free agency just hours after the market opened can be tricky, looking into the future to predict which moves will pan out — or not.

Looking back at the slew of signings on Wednesday, it seems relatively easy to identify at least one winner and a loser.

The Blue Jackets made the biggest splash, stunning the league by landing Johnny Gaudreau with a seven-year contract for \$68.25 million.

"To get a player of his caliber is going to make us instantly better and make players better around him," GM Jarmo Kekalainen said Thursday. "Exciting day for the Blue Jackets organization."

Gaudreau, a first-team, all-NHL player last season, rendered the Flames a loser when he informed them on the eve of free agency that he wasn't signing their eight-year offer to stay.

The Blue Jackets added a 28-year-old, six-time All-Star in his prime. The diminutive and dynamic wing had career highs last season with 40 goals and 115 points, giving him 210 goals and 609 points in 602 games for the Flames.

The deal instantly boosted the Blue Jackets' shot of making the playoffs, after missing them the last two years, and improved their chances of advancing.

The Flames, meanwhile, will have to make some significant signings or trades to make up for the loss of Gaudreau. If they swing and miss this summer, they might be reminded of how bad it was before Gaudreau arrived, when they missed five straight postseasons.

Here's a look at some teams that seemed to win, and lose, on the opening day of NHL free agency:

WINNERS

Hurricanes

The Hurricanes made a pair of power moves that should help the two-time defending division champions keep pace with Eastern Conference powers.

They acquired 2017 Norris Trophy winner Brent Burns in a trade with the Sharks and winger Max Pacioretty in another trade, taking advantage of the Golden Knights scrambling to manage their salary cap.

Red Wings

Steve Yzerman apparently ran out of patience. The Hall of Famer ditched his plan to focus on drafting and developing players with a series of moves that may make the franchise relevant again.

The Red Wings signed center Andrew Copp to a five-year, \$28.1 million contract, defenseman Ben Chiarot to a four-year, \$19 million agreement and a pair of wings to two-year deals: David Perron for \$9.5 million and Dominik Kubalik for \$5 million.

Capitals

Shooting to keep Alex Ovechkin's championship window open as he nears his 37th birthday, the Capitals signed Stanley Cup-winning goaltender Darcy Kuemper to a five-year contract worth \$26.25 million.

Kuemper had a career-best 37 wins in the regular season and won 10 playoff games for the Avalanche. He will be backed up by 28-year-old Charlie Lindgren, who signed a three-year, \$3.3 million deal.

LOSERS

Golden Knights

After failing to make the playoffs for the first time in their five seasons, the Knights had to unload a player they couldn't afford.

Pacioretty had 97 goals and 97 assists over four seasons with the Knights, who will have a hard time replacing his production with a tight budget.

Maple Leafs

After a sixth straight first-round exit in the playoffs, the Maple Leafs lost their No. 1 goaltender, Jack Campbell, in free agency when he signed a five-year, \$25 million contract with the Oilers.

The Leafs aren't as sound in net. They gave Ilya Samsonov a one-year deal to join Matt Murray, acquired from the Senators days earlier, and are counting on players who have up three-plus goals a game last season.

Flyers

Sitting out of the postseason for two straight years, for the first time since a four-year drought in the early 1990s, didn't seem to inspire much change from the Flyers.

With a chance to add much-needed talent, the most significant signing they made when free agency opened was giving forward Nicolas Deslauriers a four-year deal for \$1.75 million per season. In 81 games last season with the Ducks and Wild, he had eight goals and five assists. The 31-year-old Deslauriers has never scored more than 10 goals.

They also missed out on nabbing Gaudreau, who's from New Jersey and grew up rooting for the Flyers.

AP writers Stephen Whyno and John Wawrow contributed to this report.

BRITISH OPEN NOTES

Morning start works well for amateur

By Chris Lehourites

Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Barclay Brown had a tee time at the top of the morning, and he finished his opening round at the British Open near the top of the leaderboard.

The 21-year-old amateur from Sheffield, England, shot a 4-under 68 on Thursday, making him the clubhouse leader when he sank his par putt on the 18th.

"I was unbelievably nervous at the start," said Brown, who goes to Stanford and is playing at the tournament for the first time. "And then once I got through the first couple of holes, yeah, it was nice to kind of calm down a little bit and hit some good shots and just get into it."

Brown teed off at 6:46 a.m. in the second group of players on the Old Course. He made par on the first six holes and then birdied both seven and nine. He started out the back nine with a bogey, but added three more birdies coming in, including on the Road Hole at No. 17.

That early wake-up call may have been a blessing.

"When I saw the draw, I was saying it's not too bad because I'll probably be awake at 4 a.m. anyway playing the first day of the Open," Brown said. "So might as well be out playing golf rather than sitting twiddling my thumbs."

He ended the day in a tie for fifth place, four strokes behind Cameron Young.

Brown, who was wearing a whimsical fisherman's hat during his round under the clouds, comes from the same club as U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick, the Hallamshire Golf Club in Sheffield.

Fitzpatrick won the silver medal as the low amateur in 2013 at Muirfield.

At the last British Open at St. Andrews, in 2015, amateur Paul Dunne shared the lead through 54 holes. He ended up in a tie for 30th place after a final-round 78, while Jordan Niebrugge was the low amateur in a tie for sixth.

"Obviously (I) want to win the silver medal," Brown said. "And then beyond that just put four good rounds together."

Hotel visitor: Ernie Els gladly would have signed for a 70 considering the circumstances. The Big Easy is 52. He was coming in from the Senior Players Championship in Ohio and didn't really get his feet under him until it was time to start the British Open.

If not for one hole, one swing.

Els was at 4 under for the round when he sent his tee shot on the par-4 17th into the Old Course Hotel. He had to hit another one off the 17th and eventually made double bogey.

"Just that one hole burning me at the moment," Els said. "I played good."

This is an anniversary week of sorts for the South African. Els won his first claret jug 20 years ago at Muirfield. He won the jug again 10 years ago at Royal Lytham & St. Annes when Adam Scott lost a four-shot lead over the last four holes.

Els doesn't have a great history at the Old Course. He was runner-up in 2000, albeit eight shots behind Tiger Woods. But he loves St. Andrews and the variety it offers. He says he felt comfortable all day, even with the few mistakes he made.

Paddy's pain: Padraig Harrington finished a long day at the British Open with knee pain, a headache and a couple of pizzas.

Maybe a shot at a third claret jug, too.

"I'm shattered," said the 50-year-old Harrington after closing with a birdie for a 3-under 69, which left the 2007 and 2008 champion in a tie for 13th place.

The low part of a round lasting about six hours came at the 16th, which he bogeyed. By then, his knee was hurting and he "couldn't see a way home to the clubhouse," Harrington said he has a leg injury that manifests itself in his knee.

"I'm not concerned with it," he said, hopeful of playing the weekend at the home of golf.

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Eastern	9	2	9	36	31	14
Philadelphia	6	5	3	35	38	21
New York City FC	10	4	5	35	38	21
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	5	6	33	30	21
CF Montréal	9	8	2	29	33	35
Orlando City	8	7	5	29	25	29
Cincinnati	7	7	6	27	32	35
Charlotte FC	8	10	2	26	23	24
Columbus	6	5	8	26	25	21
New England	6	6	7	25	31	32
Atlanta	6	8	5	23	28	30
Inter Miami CF	6	9	4	22	19	29
Chicago	5	10	5	20	20	27
Toronto FC	5	11	4	19	26	38
D.C. United	5	10	3	18	25	39
Western	12	4	4	40	41	23
Austin FC	12	4	3	39	38	21
Los Angeles FC	12	4	3	39	38	21
Nashville	8	6	6	30	26	25
Real Salt Lake	8	6	6	30	25	26
Minnesota United	8	8	4	28	27	25
FC Dallas	7	6	7	28	30	24
LA Galaxy	8	8	3	27	28	25
Seattle	8	9	2	26	26	23
Portland	6	6	8	26	32	29
Vancouver	7	9	4	25	22	33
Houston	6	10	4	22	25	28
San Jose	5	7	7	22	32	39
Colorado	5	8	6	21	22	27
Sporting KC	5	11	5	20	19	35

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Toronto FC at CF Montréal, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Charlotte FC at Miami, 8 p.m.
D.C. United at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Austin FC at Dallas, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Orlando City at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
New York City FC at New York, 5 p.m.
Cincinnati at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Sporting KC at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Miami at New York City FC, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m.
CF Montréal at D.C. United, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

N.Y. Red Bulls at Austin FC, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at LA Galaxy, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 2, Real Salt Lake 1
Chicago 2, Toronto FC 0
Vancouver 2, Cincinnati 2
Columbus 2, D.C. United, 2, tie
Philadelphia 2, Miami 1
Sporting Kansas City 1, Minnesota 1
Nashville 1, Seattle 0
Orlando City 1, Colorado 1
New York City FC 1, FC Dallas 0
San Jose 3, LA Galaxy 2

U.S. OPEN CUP

Wednesday, July 27, SEMIFINALS
N.Y. Red Bulls at Orlando City, 5:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Sacramento Republic FC, 8:30 p.m.

NWSL

CLUB

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	6	3	3	21	19	11
Chicago	5	1	5	20	19	12
Portland	4	1	6	18	24	10
OL Reign	4	2	5	17	11	8
Angel City FC	5	4	2	17	10	11
Houston	4	4	3	15	16	13
Kansas City	4	4	3	15	11	14
Gotham FC	4	5	0	12	7	13
Orlando	3	5	3	12	12	26
Louisville	2	5	4	10	13	18
Washington	1	5	6	9	11	15
North Carolina	2	5	2	8	14	16

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Angel City FC at North Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Louisville at San Diego Wave FC, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Chicago at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Gotham FC at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Orlando at Washington, 5 p.m.
OL Reign at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE (9-0-1)

s-Feb. 17: U.S. 0, Czech Republic 0
s-Feb. 20: U.S. 5, New Zealand 0
s-Feb. 23: U.S. 5, Iceland 0
April 9: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 1
April 12: U.S. 9, Uzbekistan 0
June 25: U.S. 3, Colombia 0
June 28: U.S. 2, Colombia 0
v-July 4: U.S. 3, Haiti 0
v-July 7: U.S. 5 Jamaica 0
v-July 11: U.S. 1, Mexico 0
v-Thursday: vs. Costa Rica, late
s-SheBelieves Cup v-CONCACAF W Championship

CYCLING

109TH TOUR DE FRANCE

Thursday's 12th Stage, a 165.5-km (102.8-miles) Briançon-Alpe d'Huez

STAGE 12 RESULTS* time behind leader

1. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 4:55:24

2. Louis Meintjes, South Africa :48*

3. Chris Froome, Great Britain 2:06*

4. Neison Powless, U.S. 2:29*

5. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 3:23*

6. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 3:23*

7. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 3:23*

8. Enric Mas, Spain 3:26*

9. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 3:26*

10. Giulio Ciccone, Italy 3:32*

Also

29. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 12:16*

55. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 19:40*

73. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 27:38*

36. Neison Powless, U.S. 26:44*

48. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 27:38*

OVERALL STANDINGS

1. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 46:28:46

2. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:22*

3. Geraint Thomas, Great Britain 2:26*

4. Roman Bardet, France 2:35*

5. Adam Yates, Great Britain 3:44*

6. Nairo Quintana, Colombia 3:58*

7. David Gaudu, France 4:07*

8. Thomas Pidcock, Great Britain 7:39*

9. Enric Mas, Spain 9:32*

10. Aleksandr Vlasov, Russia 10:06*

Also

17. Sepp Kuss, U.S. 24:55*

18. Neison Powless, U.S. 27:16*

31. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 56:07*

34. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 1:02:26*

58. Joe Dombrowski, U.S. 1:23:18*

92. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 1:59:13*

YOUNG RIDERS STANDINGS

1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 46:31:08*

2. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark 5:17*

3. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 53:45*

4. Matteo Jorgenson, U.S. 1:00:43*

5. Andreas Hessnessund, Norway 1:04:03*

6. Kevin Geniets, Luxembourg 1:17:04*

7. Michael Storer, Australia 1:17:23*

8. Geo. Zimmerman, Germany 1:20:28*

9. Fred Wright, Great Britain 1:39:34*

10. Matis Louvel, France 1:46:02*

Also

12. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 1:56:51*

13. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:00:00*

14. Brandon McNulty, U.S. 2:00:00*

15. Neison Powless, U.S. 2:00:00*

16. Quinn Simmons, U.S. 2:00:00*

17. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia 2:00:00*

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